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GRABBING AGAIN CHINA'S CHRONIC MALADY THIS WEEK'S TURMOIL

How An Agreed Division of Spoils Works
IS A COUNTRY-WIDE CLASH IMPENDING?

[By "Li Chung-yin"]

Even at the close of a week of turmoil in various parts of China, a degree of satisfaction can be derived by careful analysis. An apology—if such were due—for disappointing the world after having had a "good press" for some months devolves, if on anybody, on the National Government functioning in Nanking. But of the five major factions in China at the moment, that with the biggest representation in Nanking and which is wholeheartedly supporting centralisation has not been directly embroiled.

Feng Yu-hsiang, the "Christian General," it seems, is one of the figures around whom developments have centred. Although he is Minister for War and has much power in Nanking, he has not dragged the National Government into the arena.

Once again it is the disheartening recurrence of that chronic malady—the grabbing of revenge—which is behind the series of unsettling incidents of the week.

BACK AT THE OLD GAME

Two plays can be taken in a discussion such as of this kind. The first, which finds favour among the majority of foreign observers, is that the Nationalists must begin fighting each other all over again. The second is that the line of least resistance will be taken, principally in the interest of the individual, and partly because public opinion to-day does count for a little—but sufficiently to restrain wholesale civil war as a personal or factional enterprise.

The "Christian General" returned from Russia in October, 1926. Ever since then it was predicted that he would launch a campaign of aggression to make himself Dictator or even Emperor. He has been



At right, Chang Tsung-chang, formerly Tapan of Shantung under the aegis of the now defunct "Northern" (i.e., An-kueh) Government, sometime Commander-in-Chief of the Chihli-Shantung Armies, and for years the proud possessor of a harem of eighty concubines, including a sprinkling of Russian women. On left, ex-Marshall Sun Chuan-fang, (whose title of Marshal was formally bestowed by the de jure Government of the time) whose scholarly attitude towards affairs is indicated in the photo. He stole Shanghai from Chang Tsung-chang—the swashbuckler—and not long afterwards all but kow-towed to him for assistance against the Nationalists. While Chang Tsung-chang has raised the Northern standard (in the new form of four bars and a yellow cross) in Shantung, Sun Chuan-fang, who is also mixed up with the venture, remains in the background.

in the fighting, of course, but no more than a good many others, and his policy, if not his creed, has been consistent.

An unconfirmed report came through about hostilities in the south of Shantung between his troops and units actively supporting the National Government. The report remains unconfirmed.

What Mr. Bland Says
War between the "Christian General" and Nanking is not an accomplished fact. I even think that Nanking welcomes his march into Shantung, because he is logically the best man to crush the attempt of the Northerners to regain a footing there, of which more anon. Shantung province was all but officially promised the "Christian General" as his reward for the drive on Peking last year and also to provide him with essential access to the sea.

Mr. J. O. P. Bland, who scathingly denounces the Nationalists, unconsciously shows that there is a working scheme. He says:—
The Nanking Government enjoy the cordial support of the

unlikely to risk a breach with the "Christian General" at this stage. So that war between these two, although rumoured, does not seem imminent.
It is the same with the Kwangsi military party. True, a few of the "Christian General's" men have been disarmed by Kwangsi troops from Hankow; but serious consequences would have followed ere now were the occurrence not local and due to a misunderstanding which can be cleared up. The Kwangsi military party has sufficient common sense to know that civil war, as far as the South is concerned, is much too risky. Thursday's disturbance in Huan province shows that the Kwangsi party is busy with its own affairs, to say the least of it.
Doubtful Category
Hunan has been nominally under the influence of the Kwangsi-ites. In reality, several minor Generals are in control there. Most of these have changed coats more than once during the last three years. They will continue to do so were they to gain by it with commensurate safety.

AGAIN TO FLY THE ATLANTIC EAST TO WEST

FITZMAURICE AND KOEHL TO ATTEMPT IN JUNE
REFUELLING IN THE AIR

Berlin, Yesterday.
Colonel Fitzmaurice and Captain Koehl, the first airmen successfully to fly the Atlantic from east to west in the company of the late Baron von Huenefeld, will introduce novel features when they again attempt the feat in June.

The machine, a Junkers three-engine aeroplane, will be fitted with floats for rising and alighting in the water instead of wheels and a start will be made on a large lake near Berlin. Very little petrol will be taken aboard, thereby overcoming the difficulties of rising, but the airmen will refuel while aloft over Berlin as was done on the "Question Mark."

Refuelling will again be carried out in the air over Lisbon.

It is expected that this will suffice to enable the flyers to reach New York, but in the event of impending winds they will refuel their tanks off the Azores from a third machine summoned by wireless.

The airmen expect the voyage from New York to Berlin will occupy 50 hours. Two other pilots will accompany them.—Reuter.

CRACKER FIRING

LOCAL "GAZETTE" PUBLISHES WARNING
PERMISSION NECESSARY

A previous notification having appeared as long ago as Jan. 7, 1921, the Government has made an announcement to-day in the "Gazette" relative to the discharge of fire-crackers in the Colony. It reads:—

"Attention is drawn to the fact that the firing of crackers without a permit is illegal.

"Applications for permits to fire crackers ashore should be made to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs. The sanction of the Harbour Master is required to fire crackers from vessels of any kind."

IN BANKRUPTCY

The Official Receiver notifies in the "Gazette" that a first and final dividend is intended to be declared in the following cases:—

Chung Kam-ching, merchant, No. 259, Queen's-road East, 2nd floor.
Hau Pak-yun alias Ah Hau, fitter, of the Dragon Motor Car Co., Ltd.
The trustee in the case of the Shun Loong Shing Kee Lan, salt fish commission agents of Nos. 9 and 10, Mui Fong-street, issues a similar notification.

BANKRUPTCY LAW AMENDMENTS TO LOCAL ORDINANCE

THE RECEIVER'S REPORT

A short bill to amend the local Bankruptcy Ordinance is to come before the Legislative Assembly to introduce two provisions of the English bankruptcy law which do not appear in the Hong Kong Bankruptcy Ordinance (No. 7 of 1891), though they did appear in the English Act on which that Ordinance was founded, i.e., the Bankruptcy Act, 1890, 53 & 54 Vict., c. 71. These two provisions appear also in the present English Bankruptcy Act, 1914, 4 & 5 Geo. 5, c. 50.

They are (a) a provision that when a bankrupt comes up for his discharge the Court shall take into consideration a report of the Official Receiver on the bankrupt's conduct and affairs, including his conduct during the bankruptcy proceedings, and (b) a provision that the Official Receiver's report shall be prima facie evidence of the statements therein contained.

The amendments are made applicable to pending bankruptcies.

NOTES ON RACE WEEK

Notes on race week will be found on page 13 of this issue.

APPOINTMENTS

LATEST NOTIFICATIONS IN "GAZETTE"

Latest appointments notified in the "Gazette" are as follows:—

Mr. D. W. Tratman (who has returned from home leave) to be Assistant Colonial Secretary and Clerk of Councils (which position he held before).

The Rev. Fr. George Byrne, D.P., re-appointed to the Board of Education for two years.

Mr. Ho Kwong, re-appointed to the Court of the University for three years.

Mr. H. R. B. Hancock to be a member of the Court of the University during the absence on leave of Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin.

NAVAL MOVEMENTS

Units in the 8th Destroyer Flotilla, China Station, have moved as follows:—

H.M.S. "Sepoy" arrived at Nanking yesterday from Shanghai.
H.M.S. "Seraph" left Nanking this morning for Shanghai and Hong Kong.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR

The closing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 1/11 11/16.

DARING HOLD-UP IN GERMANY

\$5,000 WAGES STOLEN

FIVE MASKED MEN ATTACK THREE EMPLOYEES

OFF IN MOTOR-CAR

Berlin, Yesterday.
Five masked men held up three employees of the Matthias Stinnes' mines at Essen while they were carrying miners wages across the courtyard and forced them to part with \$5,000, after which they fled in a waiting motor-car.—Reuter.

BLACK SNOW

SEVERE WEATHER STILL IN EUROPE

THAW IN ENGLAND

London, Yesterday.
While the thaw reigns in Great Britain other parts of Europe are less fortunate.

Athens, Yesterday.
A severe snowstorm has been experienced throughout Greece and many country districts are threatened with a food shortage owing to the interruption of communications. Hitherto 3,500,000 drachmas have been subscribed for the relief of the sufferers in the floods in Southern Greece, including the National Bank of Greece which gave a million and M. Venizelos half a million drachmas.

Sofia, Yesterday.
The cold wave has returned with 25 degrees below zero (fahrenheit) at some places. Black snow due to volcanic dust fell at Rusechuk.

Moscow, Yesterday.
Two ice breakers have left Leningrad to assist in extricating about 100 ships stuck in the ice of the Kiel Canal.—Reuter.

EXTRA JUDGES

SUPREME COURT ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

An ordinance to amend the Supreme Court Ordinance of 1873 is to be introduced at the next meeting of the Legislative Council.

At present the power to appoint temporarily a judge of the Supreme Court is confined to the following cases:—Where the office of a judge has become vacant by death or otherwise; in case of the temporary illness or absence of a judge; for the purposes of the Full Court Ordinance of 1912.

There is no express power to appoint a judge to relieve from or in his judicial duties a judge who may be engaged at the time in other public work, or to appoint an additional judge for the purpose of dealing with a pressure of judicial work. The chief object of this bill is to give the Governor power to appoint a temporary judge in any case in which he considers it desirable for any reason. This is effected by clause 4 of the bill.

IS THAT SO?

Thoughts Terse, Perverse—and Worse.

In view of the excellent annual report submitted the shareholders of the Star Ferry have elevated the Directors to the Pierage.

When these automatic phones are duly installed it is expected that subscribers will carefully heed their "Hello" when making a call.

Some are said to be diligently practising already—Oh!

The "heat wave" during the week caught the ice cream manufacturers frozen.

With a leader like Scullin the Australian Labour party seem to be rowing hard for victory.

Stanley Bruce, the Federal Prime Minister Canberra lot but not the Labourites.

The sudden warm spell during the week did not catch the flappers on the Ferry a bit unprepared.—They wore their usual smile!

If we feel a bit warm to-day we can join the Circus fans or the football fans.

A Kowloon Scot who posted an order for half a ton of coal at 11.59 on Wednesday night wrote and cancelled it at 12.1 a.m. next day!

S.C.M.P. headline on Thursday:—"Clergyman's Threat"—To "close shop" unless fewer buttons are found on the collection plate?

The annual report of the Benevolent Society contains the names of two life members who are marked deceased.

A poster for a coming fancy dress dance has the line: "In aid of the Hong Kong Telegraph."

"We only fair to add that it seems to be a minor affair for the miners' fund."

"The hard frost at Home during the week has created a great demand for skilled miners"—Will the fund be a frost by the time it gets Home?

A COMMON SAYING



"We Are Well Armed"

Many minors (and adults, too) out here will dance and play cards to their hearts' content if there is a remote chance of figuring in the prize list.

The inmates of the Anopheles Maternity Home at Tai-po received a rude jolt last Sunday when they observed the Director and Deputy Director of Medical and Sanitary Services giving the place the once over on the ground floor.

Since then some of them have sent in a petition for the grant of old-age pensions.

From "S.C.M.P."—"Troopship Stealing Affair"—Although the ship was stolen (presumably by a sword-dash) it was not disabled.

"The Spring War" (vide S.C.M.P. headline on Thursday) certainly did spring a surprise on those who thought they understood Chinese politics.

In spite of the same headline, there is no ground for the rumour that the war lords intend in future to organise all their wars "in seasons."

Tuesday's "Morning Post" secured a scoop when it referred to Elsie Keene's fine performance of "Little Boy Blue" at Barrow's "how at the Star Theatre—Elsie is not keen on coming here until she has recovered from a dose of the Blues in Singapore, so it is up to her deputy reporter in this del."

Elsie's beard, to beard the mis-

News item: The garden party at the Club de Recreio in honour of Kowloon's two new Legislative Councillors has been fixed for Wednesday, March 6.

Extract from Chinese diary: Wednesday, March 6: "Excited insects."

"A Curious Case" ("S.C.M.P.")—We will say that those who filed the Court during the hearing of the case were actuated by curiosity.

Heading in Singapore paper: Pahang Planters Damage Caused by Wild Animals

And yet most of us thought they were all bachelors on the Pahang rubber estates!

Wide, the famous Swedish middle distance runner, cables that the "China Mail" was wide of the mark when it called him both Jimmy and Edwin in its picture page on Tuesday.

The seaman from the "Broad Arrow" who appeared at the Sessions will not wear the broad arrow.

There was no rush for the empty beer bottle produced during the trial by counsel for the defence.

Quite a score of Peak residents were peaked at missing the last tram the other night after the A.D.C. show.

There is no truth in the rumour that they're out to start an opposition tramway to the Peak.

Meanwhile the Peak Tram management retorts that passengers are only graciously permitted to hold season tickets "On Approval."

One is never out of the Wood at the Criminal Sessions until one's out of the dock.

It's often Gollan to the Police when a jury acquits well-known suspicious characters.

By way of helping along the concord movement what about an international swearing competition?

"Advice to Investors"—Experience is what one finds when confidently looking for something else!

"Girl art students are increasing"—Alas, more designing women!

The Arctic wave seems to have reached Singapore, where the Inter-Commercial Football Cup was won by the Cold Storage.

Next Week's Great Query: "What's your cash sweep number?"

'Twas not to be expected that the Star Ferry directors would have any objection to considering starting a vehicular and passenger service seeing that they carry so many "cows" at present.

A celebrated author has laid it down that the great Republic of America is now only a relic of its former self.—Well, what can one expect? Republic minus the 'pub' only leaves a 'relic'!

Mr. Eric Rice the travelling secretary of the Overseas League, recently spent two months in Brazil, where he combined his vocabularies of Spanish, Portuguese and Italian with a little French and sometimes Arabic.—A hard Brazil nut to crack is he!

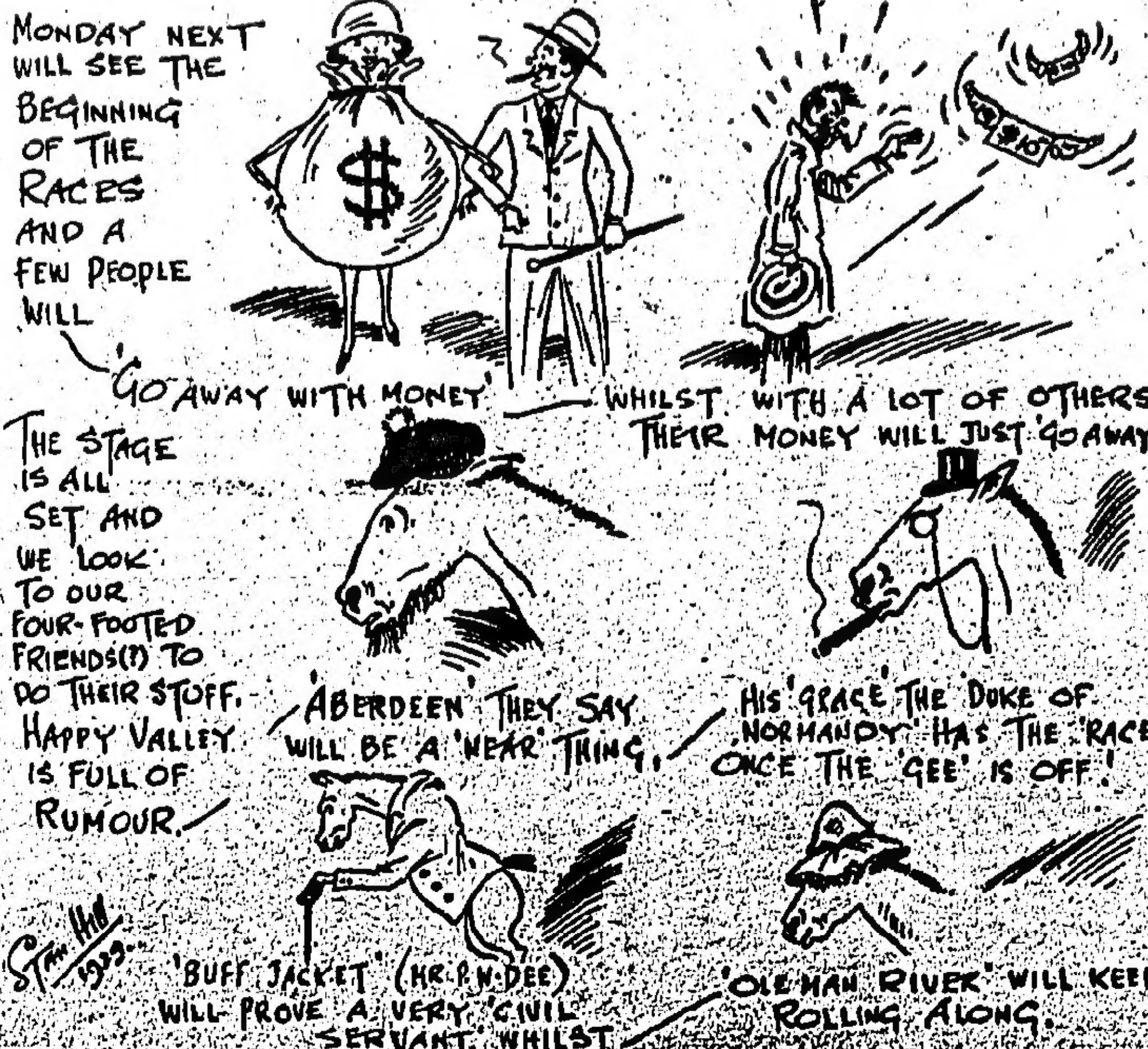
Sergeant Want is amused at the "S.C.M.P." making him a member of the Water Police and the suggestion that he be made a boat-K was Sergeant Went—who went to the fishing boat the mistress of which was fined for failing to show regulation lights whilst under way.

Exclusive extract from a wedding report in the "Daily Press":

The bridesmaids were attired in blue, red, roses, whilst the maid of honour and carried bouquets of Honour were blue silk.

Good Evans!

Keep Your Eye On Them!



MONDAY NEXT WILL SEE THE BEGINNING OF THE RACES AND A FEW PEOPLE WILL

GO AWAY WITH MONEY THE STAGE IS ALL SET AND WE LOOK TO OUR FOUR FOOTED FRIENDS TO DO THEIR STUFF. HAPPY VALLEY IS FULL OF RUMOUR.

SP. 193. 'BUFF JACKET' (HE R. N. DEE) WILL PROVE A VERY CIVIL SERVANT WHILST

WHILST WITH A LOT OF OTHERS THEIR MONEY WILL JUST GO AWAY

ABERDEEN THEY SAY WILL BE A WEAR THING.

HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF NORMANDY HAS THE RACE ONCE THE GEE' IS OFF!

'OLD MAN RIVER' WILL KEEP ROLLING ALONG.

Which are you going to be, next week?—The man at the left (top) who won successfully Miss Mamm E. Bagg, or the never say die chap at the right. Stan Hill accepts no responsibility for his type.

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NOTICES.**RACE HOLIDAYS**

THE EXCHANGE BANKS will OPEN for the Transaction of Public Business at 9.30 a.m. on MONDAY, TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, the 25th, 26th and 27th instant, and CLOSE at 12 Noon. Hong Kong, February 21, 1929.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE will be CLOSED at Noon on Race Days on MONDAY, 25th, TUESDAY, 26th, WEDNESDAY, 27th FEBRUARY and SATURDAY, 2nd March. By Order of the Committee, A. NISSIM, Secretary. Hong Kong, 21st Feb., 1929.

SEVENTH ANNUAL DANCING DISPLAY

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NOTICES.**HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at City Hall, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 23rd February, 1929, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1928.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from Monday, the 11th February to SATURDAY, the 23rd February, 1929, (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors, A. C. HYNES, Chief Manager. Hong Kong, 4th Feb., 1929.

THE HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation will be held on SATURDAY, the 2nd day of February, 1929, at 12 o'clock noon at the City Hall, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong, the following resolution was passed, viz:—

That the Directors of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation be and they are hereby requested and authorised by and on behalf of the shareholders of the Corporation to take all such steps as may be necessary for the introduction of an Ordinance into the Legislative Council of the Colony of Hong Kong and for the enactment of the same by the Governor of Hong Kong with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, in the terms of a print which, for the purposes of identification, has been signed by the Chief Manager of the Corporation, in substitution for the existing Ordinances (except as in such print is mentioned) and Deed of Settlement of the Corporation.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a further extraordinary meeting of the shareholders of the Corporation will be held on SATURDAY, the 23rd day of February, 1929, at 12.45 in the afternoon at the same place for the purpose of receiving a report of the above mentioned meeting and of considering, and, if thought fit, confirming the above resolution in accordance with Article 96 of the Corporation's Deed of Settlement.

Dated this 8th day of February, 1929. By Order of the Directors, A. C. HYNES, Chief Manager. Note:—A copy of the proposed New Ordinance can be seen during the usual banking hours (Sundays, Public and Bank Holidays excepted) in Hong Kong at the Head Office of the Corporation or at the offices of Messrs. Johnson Stokes & Master, Prince's Buildings, Solicitors to the said Corporation, and in Shanghai at the Office of the Corporation, from the date hereof until the date of the above mentioned confirmatory meeting.

NOTICE.

THE NINTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the KOWLOON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION will be held in the St. Andrew's Church Hall, Kowloon, on THURSDAY, the 28th February, 1929, at 6 p.m.

BUSINESS:

Adoption of Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1928. Election of Officers and Committee.

Any other business.

It is earnestly requested that members and all others interested in the welfare of Kowloon will make an endeavour to be present at the meeting.

C. M. MANNERS, Hon. Secretary. Hong Kong, 20th Feb., 1929.

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NOTICES.**HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.**

DRAFT PROGRAMMES and ENTRY FORMS for the FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING to be held on SATURDAY, 9th March, 1929 (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Race Course, Hong Kong Club, and Causeway Bay Stables.

Entries will CLOSE at 12 o'clock noon on MONDAY, 4th March, 1929.

Hong Kong, 22nd Feb., 1929.

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.**RACE MEETING, 1929.**

25th, 26th, 27th February & 2nd March, 1929.

THE FIRST RACE on each day will be run at 12 o'clock noon. The first bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. each day.

MEMBERS' BADGES Members' Badges of Admission are now ready and may be obtained by those members who have not already received them, from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings.

Members are reminded that these Badges will also admit them to all the Extra Race Meetings of this year.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE Members have the privilege of introducing two non-members to the Members' Enclosure.

A limited number of tickets are available and may be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings, on or before Saturday, 23rd February, 1929, at a cost of \$10. each per day or \$30. for the Meeting.

The charge for admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$4. per day. Each member can obtain upon application to the Secretary, badges for the admission of two Ladies free of charge.

On no pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first three days of racing.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE Tickets of Admission to the Public Enclosure, price \$3. per day for all persons including Ladies, may be purchased from Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, Ltd., or at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1. per day.

Admission by ticket only. Bookmakers, Tie Tac men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

SERVANTS PASSES

Passes for Servants will be issued on application to Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings.

Employers are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes.

Servants are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties, but must remain in their employers' stands.

Any persons found loitering about with Servants' Passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the enclosure.

By Order, C. B. BROWN, Secretary. Hong Kong, 14th Feb., 1929.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO. LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 40TH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at the Offices of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 13th day of March, 1929, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and a Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1928.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 4th day of March, 1929 to WEDNESDAY, the 13th day of March, 1929, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, SHEWAN TOMES & CO., General Managers. Hong Kong, 21st Feb., 1929.

TROJAN TOURERS.

SOLID TYRES—THE "NO-TROUBLE" CAR. LANE CRAWFORD'S GARAGE.

SUSPICIOUS NOTES**FORGERY CANNOT BE PROVED HERE****YOUTHS DISCHARGED**

After several remands, the case was concluded at the Central Magistrate's court, yesterday afternoon, in connection with alleged forged Canadian bank notes.

The defendants were two Chinese youths, charged, respectively, with the possession of a forged \$20 note of the Imperial Bank of Canada, and with uttering a similar note at the Prince's Cafe, Beaconsfield-arcade. Detective-Sergeant Whant conducted the case for the prosecution, whilst Mr. Leo d'Almada, Jun., (instructed by Mr. Leo d'Almada, Sen.) appeared for the defence.

When the case was called yesterday afternoon, Sergeant Whant asked for permission to withdraw the charges against the defendants. He explained that the prosecution were unable to get evidence in Hong Kong to prove that the notes were forgeries. They had failed even to secure in Hong Kong a genuine note of the same issue, bank or denomination.

Send To Canada

Mr. d'Almada said that the Police would have to send the notes to Canada to find out if they were forgeries or not. He pointed out to the Magistrate, however, that if the notes were forgeries, they were very good forgeries indeed.



SCENE FROM "SHARP SHOOTERS," a William Fox attraction, to be shown locally next week.

Proceeding, Mr. d'Almada told the Magistrate that when the defendants tendered one of the notes at Prince's Cafe, they told the man at the counter that they did not know if the note was genuine or not, and told him to take it to a money changer to find out. The counter clerk accepted the note, and counsel suggested that the Cafe had taken it at their own risk.

Later, when they took the note to a money changer's, the latter simply refused to accept that kind of note. They did not say definitely whether it was a forgery or not.

Sergeant Whant told the Magistrate that the notes were lent to one of the defendants by a friend. His Worship inquired if the defendants were local residents, and Mr. d'Almada replied that they were both from Canton.

Holding the Notes

Remarking that that was not far away, Mr. Hamilton, in discharging the defendants, said that he would make an order for the notes to be held for six months. If by then the Police could not prove that they were forgeries they could be returned to the defendants on application being made at the end of that period.

Mr. d'Almada said that as a matter of fact he could apply for their immediate return, but he did not want to place any obstacles in the way of the police.

Asked how soon he thought he could get evidence on the note, Sergeant Whant said that the notes would have to be sent to Canada, and that would take at least two months.

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Mr. Hamilton said that he was willing to give the Police four months at the end of which period, if evidence was not available, application could be made for the return of the notes to the defendants. This course was agreed to by Mr. d'Almada.

Cafe The Losers

Sergeant Whant pointed out that the complainants were the losers of \$39.60. He wanted to know if his Worship had power to order that the complainants be reimbursed from money found on the defendants.

His Worship decided to amend his order to one for return of the notes to defendants (if genuine) after due liquidation of the defendants' debt to the Cafe.

Sergeant Whant said that the point he wished to make was that if the notes were forgeries, the Cafe would be the losers.

Mr. Hamilton replied that he presumed that actually the Cafe had a civil claim against one of the defendants for the recovery of the debt if they chose to take that up.

Mr. d'Almada Concluded

Mr. d'Almada then instructed Sergeant Whant to sign a receipt before Major Willson for custody of the two notes.

In conclusion his Worship said that he wished to make it clear that his order did not in any way prevent the Cafe from taking civil proceedings as to the debt.

Mr. d'Almada said that he had no doubt that the complainants would be advised by the police as to what steps to take.

Circumstances Recalled.

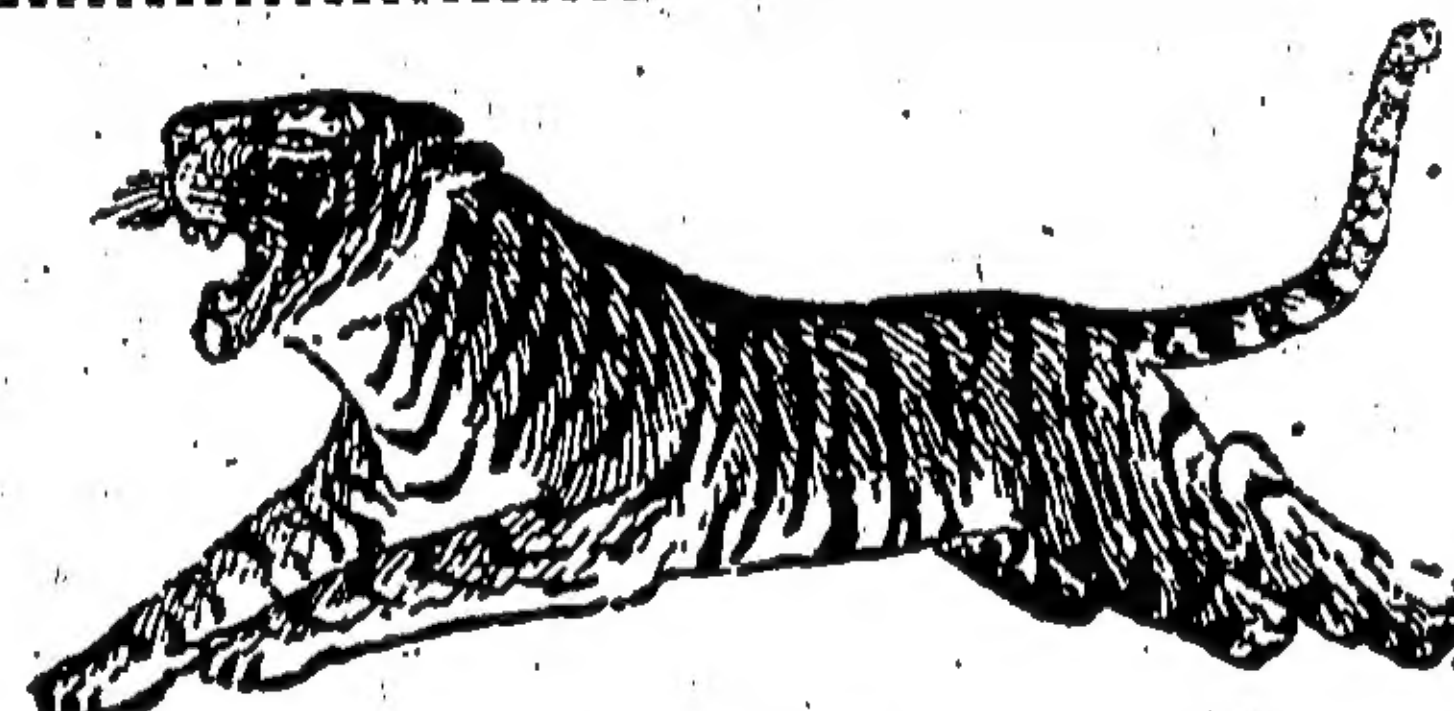
The circumstances leading to the defendants' arrest was that on January 30, they visited the Prince's

Cafe and had a tiffin each. Afterwards one of them bought a box of chocolates worth \$10 and tendered one of the Imperial Bank of Canada notes in payment of the whole bill. The counter clerk accepted the note on his own valuation of \$39.60, and paid over \$27.60 as change. Afterwards when the note was refused by the money changer, he communicated with the Police who effected the defendants' arrest.



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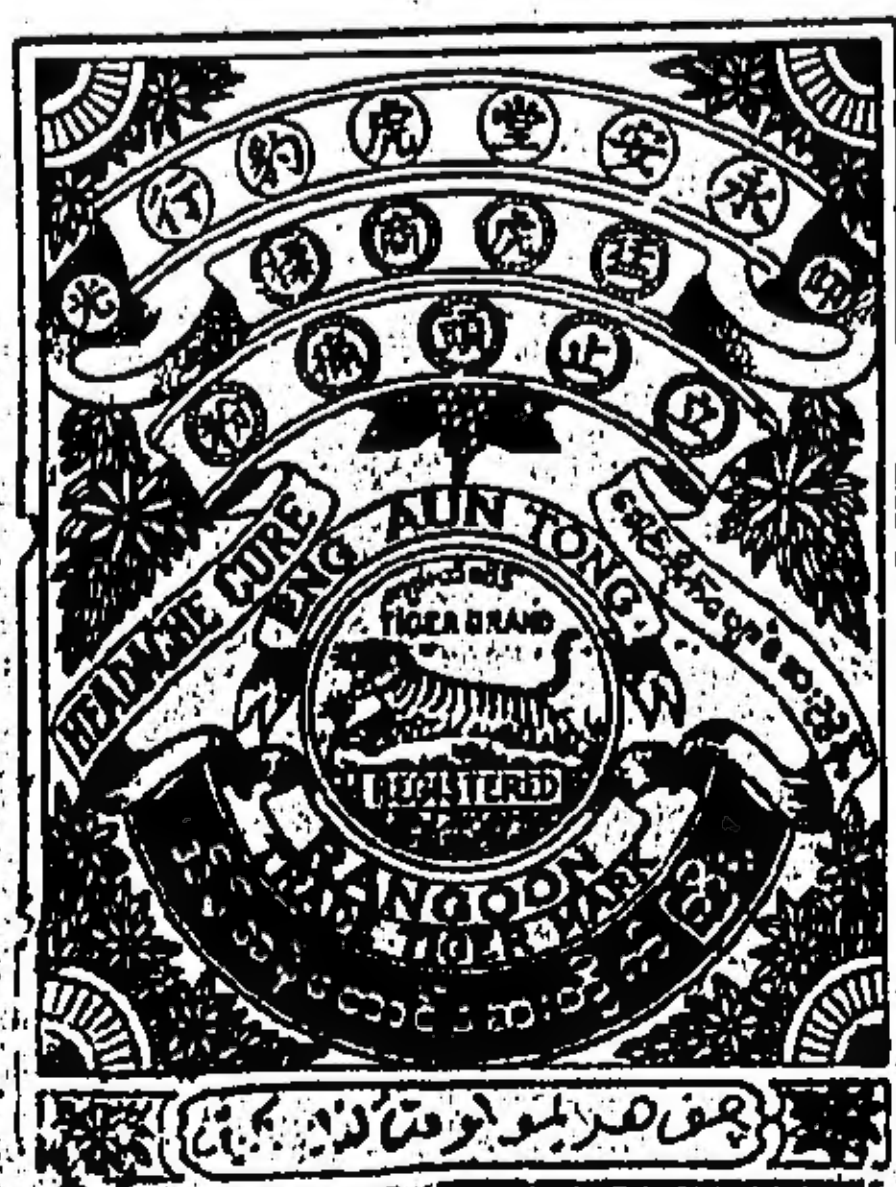
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PANAMA MARU Thursday, 28th February.
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.
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CELEBES MARU Monday, 18th March.
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MADRAS MARU (Onkai Manila) Friday, 8th March.
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SHIPPING SECTION.

EASTERN PORTS

DETAILS OF WEEKLY HEALTH BULLETIN

The health bulletin of Eastern ports for the week ended February 16, issued by the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services, gives the following cases, the figures in parentheses indicating deaths:

Plague: Baseline (2), Bombay (1), Rangoon (1), Colombo 2 (2), Penang 2 (1); 1 infected rat found in Rangoon in zone 3; 2 infected rats found in Colombo in zone 3.

Cholera: Baseline (2), Calcutta (30), Madras (1), Negapatam (1), Tuticorin (2), Bangkok 17 (12), Penang 5 (2).

Small-pox: Basrah 4 (3), Bombay 44 (3), Calcutta 13 (9), Coochin 10, Karachi 28 (7), Madras 80 (13), Mouline 4, Negapatam 2 (2), Rangoon (1), Vientiane 12 (2), Singapore (2), Belawan Deli 4 (3), Palembang 1, Penang 19 (10), Shanghai (9), Canton 17 (3), Macao (24).

NEW BIBBY LINER

ADDED AMENITIES FOR OLD SHIPS

The m.v. "Stanfordshire" is now practically completed, and is due to leave on her maiden voyage on March 24. Although slightly larger than the "Cheshire" and the "Shropshire," like them she is fitted with a Fairfield-Sulzer Diesel engine. She will be found to contain many improvements, and will be under the command of Captain Crumplin.

In order to bring their passenger accommodation thoroughly up to date, the "Oxfordshire" and "Gloucestershire" are being temporarily withdrawn from the service in June, although the regular fortnightly sailings to and from Burma will be maintained. The cabins, public rooms, bathrooms, etc., will be remodelled and the accommodation will consist of single and two-berth rooms, with a few three-berth rooms for the convenience of family parties. Children's play rooms are also being provided. A new departure for the line will be found in the "Gloucestershire," where an extra deck is to be constructed for the carriage of the lifeboats.

Fitted With Wireless Direction Finders. In the other vessels of the fleet various improvements are being effected, such as the enlargement of the verandahs and construction of permanent weather screens on the decks. The vessels of the line are now equipped with wireless Direction Finders.

It will probably interest readers to know the Motor Vessels "Dorsetshire" and "Somersetshire" are now being transported, and during the present trouping season are each making two voyages to China via India.

NAVAL BASE

PURCHASES FROM FOREIGN COUNTRIES

A few days ago we ("Straits Times") published a Reuter telegram stating that question had been raised in the House of Commons regarding the purchase of crushing machinery for use in the construction of the Singapore Naval Base. It is significant to note that the line has been placed with a "British registered" company and only 20 per cent. of the value of the order amounting to about £11,000 will be manufactured in Great Britain. The question raised regarding this crushing plant recalls the representations made in the House regarding the purchase of excavating machinery for the Singapore Base from a foreign country, which we recently dealt with in our columns. In this connection we published a letter from one of our correspondents in our issue of December 3, wherein he conveyed the impression that British manufacturers are considerably behind American competitors in the manufacture of large mechanical excavating plant. We took some trouble to ascertain the facts and found that British manufacturers were not only the pioneers in the building of mechanical excavators, but have constructed and put into satisfactory operation both shovels and draglines of considerably larger capacity than any of those which are to be employed in the construction of the Naval Base.

CAPTAIN PADDLE

FORMERLY MASTER OF THE "GLENOCLE"

Captain W. S. Paddle, whose death was announced recently, was formerly in command of the "Glenocle" on the run from Rangoon to China ports. He was chief officer on board the "Kapong" for a short time and during the war, while she was on Government transport service between Indian ports and Mesopotamia, he was in command of her. He first took command of the "Kapong" in May, 1920, and remained in that post except for brief periods until 1926, when he went on leave, mainly on account of bad health.

On returning to the Far East he was in command of the Straits Shipping Company's steamer "Darvel," on the Singapore-Borneo run, until November, 1927, but his ill-health persisted and in January, 1928, he was forced to retire and went home on pension.

The "Blum" "Observer" says he had been suffering from acute kidney trouble and high blood-pressure. He settled down at home in England and devoted himself to gardening, and only a few months ago he was reported to have had a fit or stroke, when he had to be carried into his house in an unconscious state.

SHIPPING & FREIGHT

POSITION IN MAIL WEEK

Although on the whole, the improvement in the shipping position at home was well maintained during December, there was a slight decrease in the rates at which steamers were chartered for outward coal cargoes from the Bristol Channel ports. These decreases, however, were due entirely to a temporary surplus supply of prompt tonnage. The following statement compares the average rates for representative ports in December with those in November:

	November.	December.
Cardiff to—	a. d.	a. d.
Bordeaux	5 9	5 5 1/2
Genoa	9 9	9 8 1/2
Rouen	4 5	5 4 1/2
Buenos Aires	14 13	13 12
Marseilles	10 4	10 4 1/2
Port Said	12 1 1/2	12 0

The Chamber of Shipping index number for November shows an increase over the 1913 level of 24.7 per cent., compared with 18.5 per cent. in October and with 18.9 per cent. in November, 1927. The improvement was fairly evenly distributed among all the principal trade routes and the time charter rates showed an increase, compared with October, of over 12 per cent.

The dock traffic returns of the Great Western Railway Company for the four weeks ended November 25, show that imports totalled only 304,000 tons, compared with 451,578 tons in the preceding four weeks, and exports 2,109,118 tons, compared with 2,235,234 tons, giving a total of 2,413,718 tons, against 2,688,112 tons. The heavy decrease is attributable chiefly to the prevalence of gales during November, and to the dislocating effects on the movements of shipping. For the forty-eight weeks ended November 25, imports totalled 4,530,256 tons, compared with 5,471,072 tons in the corresponding period last year and 25,635,747 tons against 28,825,092 tons, the total of imports and exports combined being 31,164,003 tons, compared with 34,297,064 tons. Imports of iron and steel show a decrease of nearly 500,000 tons in the period, while exports of coal of 220,000 tons, and of oil of 278,000 tons, and oil of 134,000 tons. The principal increases were in iron ore (200,000 tons), other ores (20,000 tons), and general merchandise (25,000 tons). The net registered tonnage of arrivals of vessels shows a decrease of over one million tons.

Only a small volume of coal shipments in completion of old contracts, under new tenders for fresh business have been very few, so that rates which, until recently, continued nominally firm on the short supply of tonnage available, have at no time been properly tested. Baltic business has practically ceased, and such small orders as have been passing have been principally for Mediterranean discharge. At the time of writing, the tendency is easier, in anticipation of the release of tonnage from English ports, owing to the seasonal holidays. Other sections of the market have maintained their steady tone throughout, with the River Plate homebound section the chief centre of interest, at firm rates.

Conditions are extremely quiet in the freight market, and very few tenders are circulating. Most fixtures for December loading were arranged some time ago and, for the time being, there is an insufficiency of tonnage of coal to bring orders to this district. Baltic business is quiet for Genoa are around 10s. for East Italy 11s. 6d. to 12s. and for Alexandria 11s. to 11s. 6d. Constant fixtures include 3,500 tons at 3s. 7 1/2d. for Rotterdam, with small vessels at 3s. 9d. to 3s. 10d. Andover of 2,000 tons at 4s. 4 1/2d. for Bremen. The Baltic season has now practically finished and only the lower ports remain open. No timber cargoes are on the market, there being only a few oddments remaining and imports are not particularly forthcoming. These are shipped now or wait until next season's f.o.w. Demand for January tonnage in the River Plate market has caused a further slight rise in quotations. Two January vessels from Santos to the United Kingdom and the Continent have been fixed at 25s. 6d., and for a 6,000 tonner to Amsterdam, 25s. has been conceded.

Leith. The position, both on the coastal and the foreign trade routes remains unsatisfactory, with a further particular affected by the loss of the Russian Baltic trade after the war, as sufficient new business has not been forthcoming to take its place.

GOOD FOR GLASGOW

ANOTHER VERY SATISFACTORY MONTH

The shipbuilding industry experienced another very satisfactory month in December and many contracts for new vessels have been secured, the tonnage involved being again in excess of 100,000 tons. While this is not sufficient to all the vacant berths, the orders will secure the continuance of steady employment, with regard to which, some anxiety had recently been felt.

Many of the contracts are for cargo carrying vessels and, as this class of ship is the mainstay of the shipbuilding industry, it is encouraging to see a revival in the construction of these vessels.

It is stated that recent contracts have been taken at low prices, but it is felt that any further falling up of prices is likely to lead to higher figures being charged. In addition to the contracts mentioned, substantial repair work has been put in hand and the outlook is encouraging, as inquiries are still good.

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Following on the completion of the "Poelau Roebiah," the second vessel, named "Poelau Laut," was due to run trials at the end of December. These vessels will be supplemented by the "Poelau Braai" and "Poelau Tello." The four ships are alike in all main respects.

The details are set forth herewith: Length, extreme 517 ft.; beam, between perpendiculars, 400 ft.; beam, 61 ft.; depth, moulded, to upper deck, 38 ft. 9 ins.; displacement, 18,140 tons; draught loaded, 23 ft. 11 1/2 ins.; deadweight capacity, 10,704 tons; immersion, 60.5 tons per in.; displacement, light, 7,348 tons; draught, light, 13 ft. 0 1/4 ins.; speed, loaded, 14.5 knots; machinery, 7,040 h.p.; number of cylinder, 8; cylinder diameter, 820 mm.; piston stroke, 1,440 mm.; revolutions 100 per minute. Auxiliary engine output 1,300 h.p. On the bridge deck are several cabins for passengers, together with bathrooms; the smoke room, which is chieftainly paneled and decorated, is arranged centrally. The cabins are large and well lighted, each having two berths. On passing down a handsome staircase which leads to the accommodation on the upper deck a passageway is reached which communicates with the remainder of the cabins and gives access to the dining saloon. This saloon is noteworthy in at least one respect, being paneled in marble, whilst the ceiling is finished in white enamel. There are three oval dining tables with separate armchairs, the furniture being completed by a sideboard.

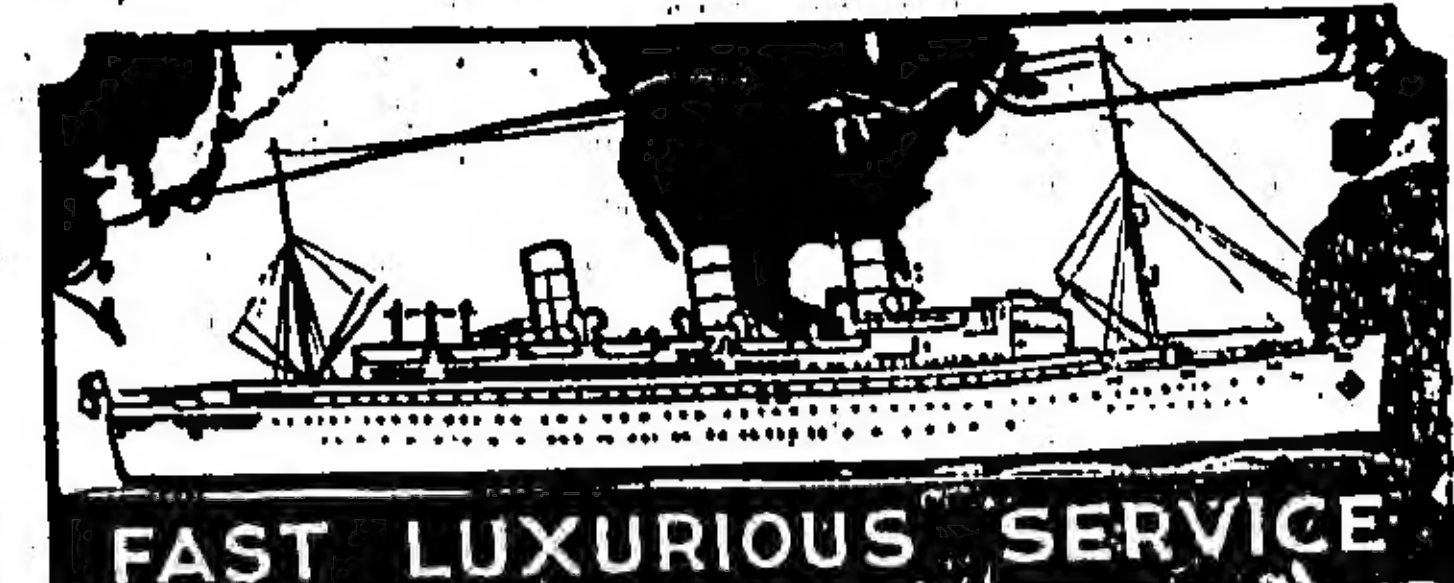
SICKNESS ON LINER

PASSENGERS' LANDING DELAYED

Melbourne, Jan. 14. The barthing of the Orient liner "Orsova" was delayed today while passengers landing at Melbourne were medically examined. When the vessel reached Adelaide on Saturday, the medical officer (Dr. R. W. Simmons) reported five cases of chicken pox, four children and one adult. Two Adelaide medical men boarded the ship, but could not agree with the diagnosis of the ship's doctor that the adult passenger was suffering from chicken pox. It was suggested that the ship should be placed in quarantine but when the chief quarantine officer at Adelaide went aboard he agreed with the original diagnosis, and the vessel was allowed to resume her voyage. When the vessel arrived at Melbourne this morning the adult passenger had improved considerably, and the four children had made good progress. The passengers were examined, and the "Orsova" was allowed to berth shortly after midday.

SHIPPING IN WALES

In spite of the fact that 31 vessels were lost in South Wales were sold or lost in 1928, the number controlled by Welsh firms at the end of the year increased by 5, and the tonnage by 160,510 tons deadweight. This was due to the ordering new tonnage. No fewer than 25 vessels aggregating 203,000 tons launched during the year, while 11 vessels of 55,100 tons were bought, so that the fleets were increased by 35 vessels totalling 158,100 tons, against a loss through sales and casualties of 31 vessels of 107,500 tons. Prominent amongst the owners to place orders were Sir W. R. Smith, Bart., Lord Glanville, Mr. Dan Radcliffe, Mr. Lord Thomas, Newport, and the Main Steamship Company, Limited, "Engineering."



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"On Approval" not usually
presented to

members of an amateur company or Philharmonic singers until the closing minutes of the final performance, when we usually read of the stage being a vast mountain of floral tributes. It is as well to deviate from the orthodox methods at times, particularly as, owing to that welcome extra performance on Tuesday evening, the public mind will be too full of racing to pay much attention to reading, praise, even though well deserved, about our local Hamlets. It is quite impossible for the writer to declare, as some younger scribes have done, that "On Approval" eclipses all previous efforts of the Amateur Dramatic Club. But it is certainly the best—the very best—performance by our amateurs since the present writer came to the Colony. Moreover, it easily stands the test of many superior performances by most talented amateurs elsewhere in the Far East. It is good to be able to say so genuinely, for before the play was actually staged, there was a fear that a piece with only four members in the cast could not possibly be sustained in the Colony night after night. The prophets and the Jeremiahs have been confounded, and all honour possible is due to those who have so confounded them!

With the annual Race de Plume meeting so close upon us, with its imminent outburst of excitement over the drawing of the various cash sweeps, one cannot but wonder why race owners are permitted here year after year to adopt "noms de plume." The Colony is such a small one that the ownership of an animal, even were it desired most devoutly to keep it a "dreadful secret," soon leaks out; and, in fact, is openly referred to in those alleged training times that can never be seriously taken

by anyone with any inside knowledge of the racing game. With purely amateur owners—if the term can be understood as distinct from those owners elsewhere who make a decent living out of owning race horses—and with purely amateur riders, why should it be necessary for owners to ride under names other than their own out here? Surely the "kudos" when they win must be all the sweeter when their rider brings in a pony that figures in the race programme under the owner's real name. This is one of those little mysteries of the Colony that a newcomer can never understand—even when, with the flight of years, he enters into the ranks of the "old hands."

There seems to be a slight lapse on the part of those in charge of buses, tramways, and ferries in regard to enforcing the "regulation" against spitting—that disgusting and unhygienic habit that must do more than many other things to contribute to the spread of disease. Only a couple of days ago the writer, wearing all-rubber soles and heels, came a nasty cropper on a huge "spit" on the pavement outside the Asiatic Building and nearly used "language," nearly sprained his wrist, nearly sprained his ankle, nearly went to hospital, and nearly "passed the Monument at five o'clock." In the moment of discomfiture of "picking himself up" during the rush hour the victim considered that nothing sort of the stocks would have been good enough for the culprit who had expectorated so freely on the pavement at such a busy corner! And travelling in the Ferry the other day, a well-to-do Chinese made a terrible mess of the floor in front of him, only stopping when he overheard the other passengers threatening to report him when the Ferry reached the Hong Kong side. Mere notices in public vehicles and Ferries are not sufficient in themselves to stop the spitting habit, and it is time that an example were made of some of the more objectionable delinquents. It only requires firmness on the part of conductors of buses and tramcars and Ferry officials to lessen such an obnoxious practice.

Late Trams will be extended and Ferries to the unfortunate Peak residents who were left behind lamenting the other night after attending the A.D.C. show, and missing the last tram to the heights above. The Peak Tram management must have been well aware of the performances at the Theatre Royal, and they ought to have laid themselves out to study the convenience of their patrons rather than risk being "laid out" by the aforesaid patrons for an obvious sin of omission. It is no encouragement either of the A.D.C. or those who come long distances to see the performances when no special arrangements are made to take people home after the shows. Moreover, it is not time that both the trams (Peak and "level") and the Ferries were run up to at least 2 p.m. daily? It ought to be done in any case when there are entertainments at the Theatre Royal,

and it certainly should be done on Sunday mornings, looking to the large number of attractions on both sides of the harbour on Saturday evenings. If the Yau-mat Ferry Company can run ferries up to 2.40 on Sunday mornings, what is to hinder the Star Ferry Company and the Tram Companies doing likewise? Surely the Colony has long since got past the "curfew" age when "elders' hours" were the rule and all good little boys and girls had to be in bed by a certain hour! The travelling public, of course, has got itself to blame to a certain extent. It has not sufficient "kick" to protest against hotels and restaurants being obliged to close down on the stroke of midnight and it has still less "kick" to raise its voice against such early hours being forced on it by the various public "utility" companies.

Many residents must return from a trip to the Canton by the steamer getting in here in the early afternoon. The writer took the trip recently, arriving here on a Saturday afternoon about two o'clock. Scarcely had the steamer come alongside the wharf than pandemonium broke loose amongst the hundreds of coolies with baskets who scrambled pell-mell into the holds for fish. Donnybrook Fair was not in it by a long chalk. There was one mad scramble to get on board first, as if the coolies feared that the steamer might suddenly get up anchor and steam out of harbour again with all the fish still on board. Knocks were given and taken; coolies frantically elbowed each other out of their way; free fights were frequent; and the only surprising thing was that nobody got knocked into the water or that some of the furious blows exchanged did not prove fatal. As the Directors of the Steamboat Company are boasting (vide report of the annual meeting this week) of effecting office economies, let them disburse a few dollars on preventing and not inviting murder whenever one of their steamers comes in with a cargo of fish. Our Judges cannot for ever be conducting Criminal Sessions with murders and attempted murders as features of the calendars.

A friend has passed Cinemas on to the writer a 1914 copy of a handbill of the "Victoria Theatre," which once flourished (or otherwise) in the Colony. The handbill refers to a matinee at 6 p.m. on Sunday, October 4, 1914, and the programme comprised two parts:—

- Part I
1.—Gaumont Graphic, No. 46.
2.—Black Panther, Part I.
3.—Black Panther, Part II.
4.—Black Panther, Part III.

Part II
1.—Eccentric Dance.
2.—A Tight Fit—Comic.
The Victoria Theatre was situated opposite the Central Market in what is now called David House. Little did the cinema folks of those days dream that in this year of grace 1929 the Colony would boast of the Queen's Theatre, the World Theatre, the Grand Theatre, and several others in Hong Kong, besides the Star Theatre, the Majestic Theatre, the Po Hing Theatre, and a few more on the Kowloon side. Even Shamshui has now two Chinese owned cinemas all to itself, although the bulk of the population there—unlike those in Yau-mat—are generally in bed by ten o'clock at night.

Dreams are they? But ye cannot stay them.
Or thrust the dawn back for one hour!
Truth, love and justice, if ye slay them
Return with more than earthly power.
Strive, if ye will, to seal the fountains
That send the Spring through leaf and spray;
Drive back the sun from the Eastern mountains,
Then—bid this mightier movement stay.

—Alfred Noyes.
Mr. R. Vaughan-Fowler, of the Far East Aviation Co., delivered a lecture at the University yesterday on "Twenty-five Years of Flying," illustrated by slides. He referred to the locally projected Seaplane Flying Club and gave an assurance that Chinese members would be very welcome. Professor C. A. Middleton Smith, Talkoo Professor of Engineering, who presided, moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Vaughan-Fowler.

The Banvard Musical Comedy Company will give two performances to-day and to-morrow in the Star Theatre at 5 and 9.15 p.m. To-day's matinee will be "Tip Toes" and "Clowns in Clover" will be given at 9.15. To-morrow "Follies Bergere" will hold the bill at 5, and "Review of Reviews" at 9.15 p.m.

The name of Dr. Wong Yan-kwong, M.B., B.S. (Hong Kong) of No. 318, Nathan-road, Kowloon, has been added to the local register of medical practitioners.

Mrs. Fernandez, of No. 7, Nanking-road, Kowloon, reported to the police yesterday that her son named Rafael Fernandez (14) a native of Manila, has been missing since 8 a.m., on Wednesday.

The name of "Adam's Apple" was alleged to have been given by a Portuguese youth who hired a bicycle from the Yee Fat Bicycle shop, No. 25, Canton-road, at 10.55 a.m., on Thursday and failed to return the machine, which is valued at \$30.

In order that a complete list may be obtained for record purposes, will residents of Hong Kong (other than members of H.M.'s Forces, who have had any decoration conferred upon them by H.M. the King, inform the Chief Clerk, Colonial Secretariat, by March 9, 1929.

The Banvard Musical Comedy Company will give two special matinees at the Star Theatre over the week-end. On Saturday "Tip Toes" will be given, and "Follies Bergere" will hold the bill on Sunday. The afternoon performances will commence promptly at 5 p.m. and seats may now be booked in advance at the popular prices of \$3, \$2 and \$1.

A combined Royal Naval and Army exercise will be held on March 5-7. This will involve burning searchlights at both entrances to the harbour and firing some rockets and Very's lights from Stonecutters Island, Pak-shawan (at Lyemun Pass) and the other defences of the Colony. The probable duration of the exercise each day is from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE

BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Sir,—Two years ago you were so kind as to publish an appeal of mine for new members for the Benevolent Society. The results were satisfactory up to a point but at the present moment there are only 72 members of the Society. This is a very small percentage of the population of Hong Kong, which might be expected to show an interest in the Society. The subscription

TAYU PASS

Reds Capture Pass Leading Into Kwangtung

Shanghai, Yesterday. Communist forces in Kiangsi province have captured the important Tayu Pass leading to Kwangtung province, in the South.—Reuter.

for membership is only \$12 a year—\$1 a month.

This small sum is a form of insurance, for it enables the busy person who has no time to investigate cases to learn immediately whether the piteous tale is true. It is very difficult to steel one's heart completely against a story of misfortune—but it is easy to send the applicant to have it sifted by the Benevolent Society in connection with the General Charities Organisation. There is nothing so unsatisfactory as sporadic, unbalanced charity—a gift of five dollars to the unfortunate beggar is only an encouragement to him to prey upon more soft-hearted people—a gift of five dollars to a deserving case is a mere sop to ease one's conscience. So the Committee lays its plea, for more members before the generous community of Hong Kong and hopes for a large increase of membership in 1929.

In addition, may a plea be made for the annual report? Do not consign it to the waste paper basket unread. There is undoubtedly something antagonising in a report—its shape alone is as a rule against it. But considered reading of the compact report issued by the Benevolent Society cannot but convince the reader that here is work, deserving of support—work that protects the community at large and benefits those who have fallen on evil days.

Yours, etc.,
BELLA SOUTHOORN.
Hong Kong, Feb. 22.

[As the unsettled state of affairs prevailing in the Colony is likely to bring increased calls upon the funds of the Society during the coming year, the Committee earnestly solicits contributions which will be gratefully acknowledged by the Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. Sheelahear, University.]

"ON APPROVAL"

A THIRD CLEVER PERFORMANCE

THE GOVERNOR PRESENT

His Excellency the Governor and a distinguished company were present last evening at the Theatre Royal when the small but extremely clever cast of the A.D.C. gave another excellent performance of Lonsdale's "On Approval." If one had any doubt of the capabilities of so small a cast sustaining one's interest, it was removed by the very excellent manner in which each member of the company portrayed their respective parts, a feature of the performance being the very clear enunciation of all four members, none of the witty dialogue being lost in any part of the Theatre.

The clever quartette were recalled several times at the fall of the curtain; and the production is a tribute to the versatility of Hong Kong's A.D.C.

The general stage effects are excellent, and Hong Kong is being fortunate in having an opportunity of seeing a modern play worthily presented.

The dressing and staging of the production are two of its most striking features. The frocks were specially designed by Madame Rolande Sarraut, the well-known Parisian couturiere of Asiatic Building, under the personal supervision of the indefatigable producer, Mrs. F. G. Hunt, and are perfectly delightful.

The entire furnishing of the stage was kindly undertaken by Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd., under the direction of Mr. H. E. Scriven, again under the watchful eye of the producer with her many years' stage experience.

HOWLERS!

THE LATEST CROP

Sir Walter Scott was called the "Blizzard of the North." He tried to reach the North Pole but perished in the attempt.

Parliament assembled in October and dissembled in December.

The man in the moon is all nonsense. People cannot live in the moon because it gets smaller and smaller and so they would all get squashed.

M.A. is what a B.A. becomes when she gets married.

Shakespeare was indebted to Sir Oliver Lodge for the plot of "As You Like It."

Alves attia petunt means "The birds are getting high."

The imperfect tense in French is used to express a future action in past time which does not take place at all.

A circle is a line which meets its other end continuously.

A circle is a round line with neither beginning nor end shaped like a hole.

An ellipse is an oval or squashed circle.

A net is just a number of square holes tied together.

Il etait homme d'esprit means "He was a publican."

Juvenis means "Lad"; junior means "Ladder."

A blizzard is the inside of a duck.

An incubus is a machine for hatching chickens.

Cave canem means "Beware lest I sing."

Hop Scotch was invented in Scotland and is so called because it wears out only one boot at a time.

Scot free means the other man buys the drink.

An unclean spirit is a dirty devil.

Cédilla is what a Spanish wears round her neck.

An abstract noun is the name of something you cannot touch; for instance a red-hot poker.

Tennison was the son of the inventor of Lawn Tennis.

A synonym is what you write when you don't know how to spell the other word.

Ever since the '45 Rebellion the Scots have been singing "Oh! Where's My Fourpence, Charlie!" The song was written and composed by John O'Grady.

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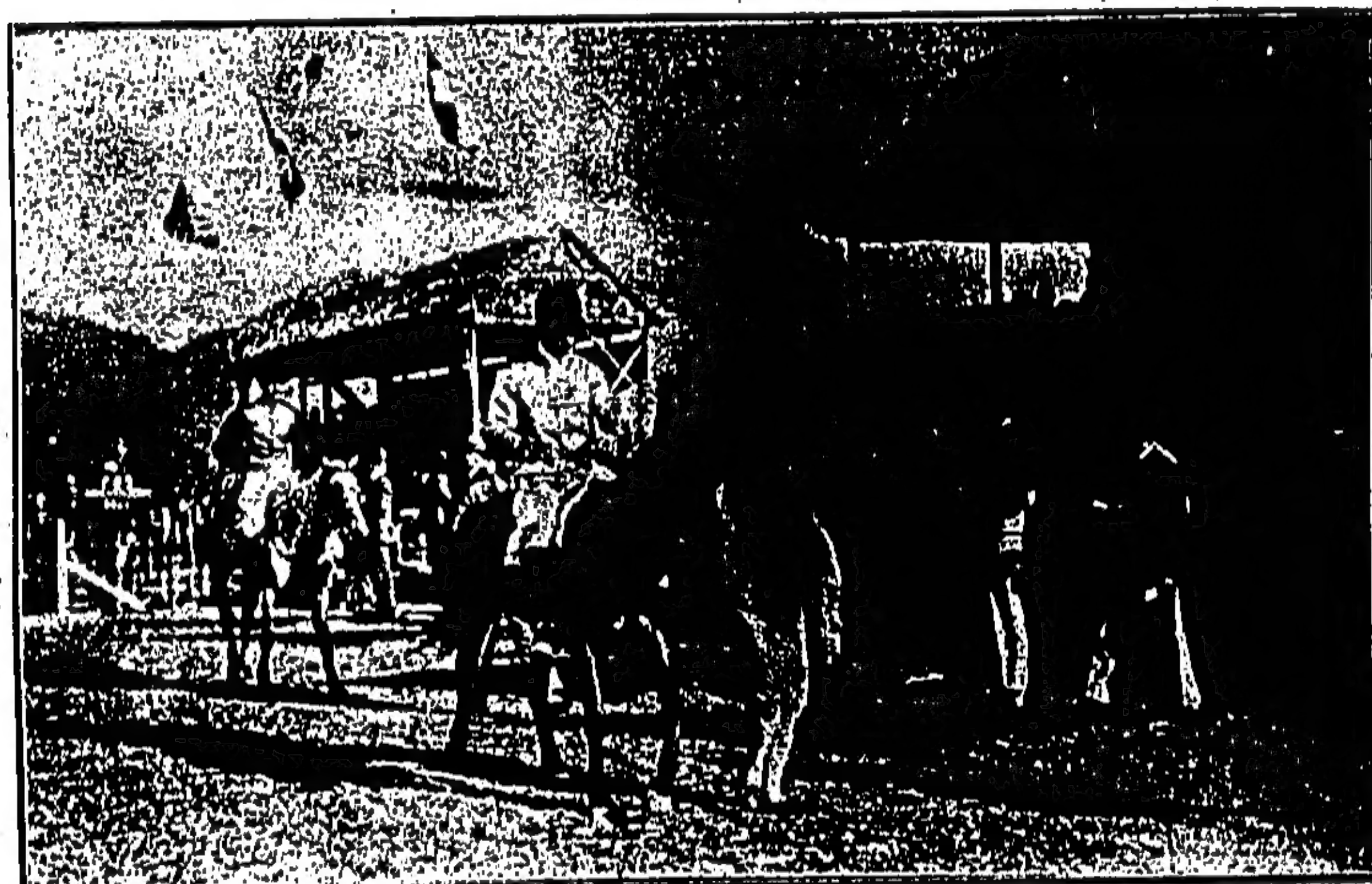
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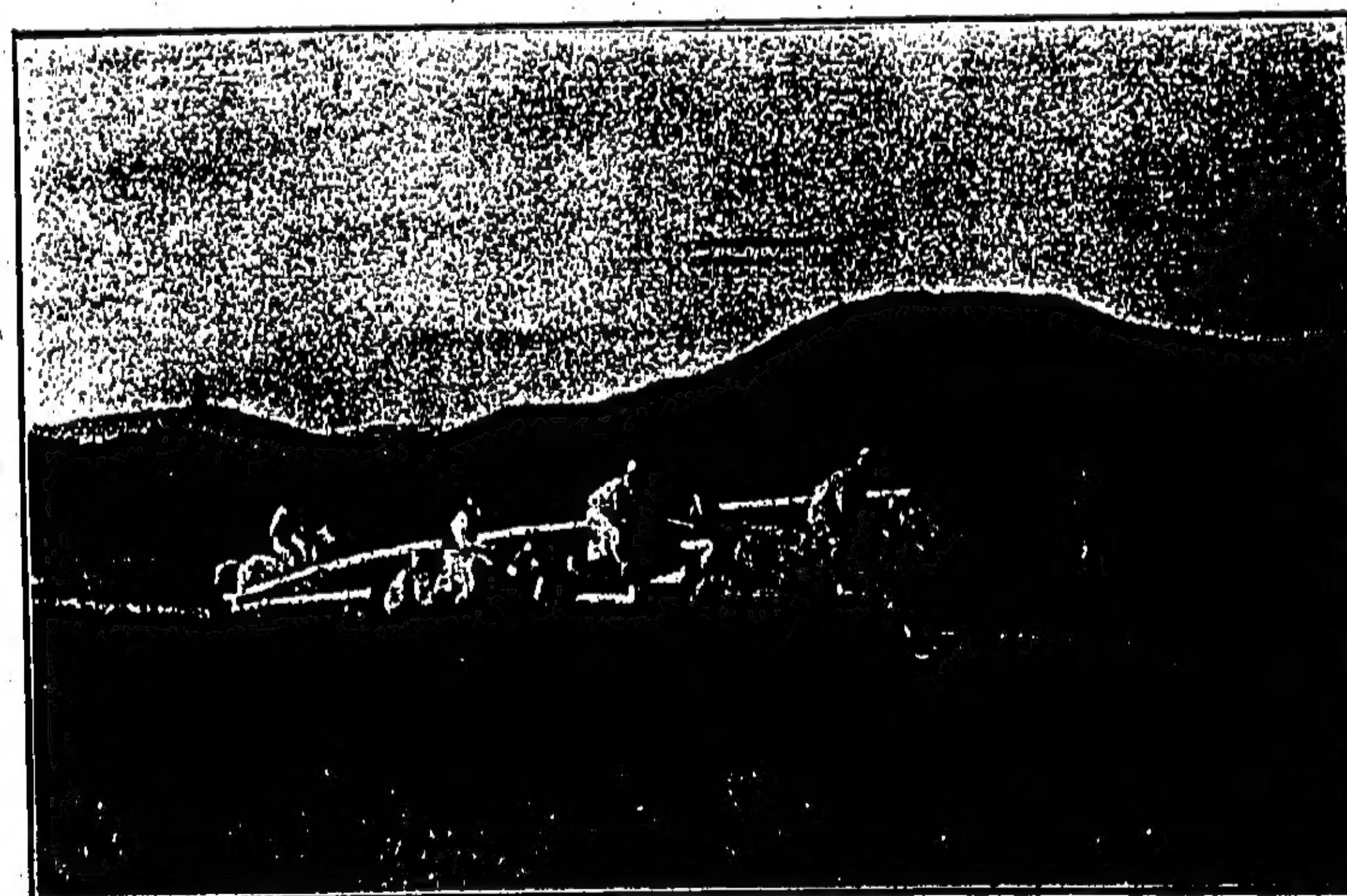
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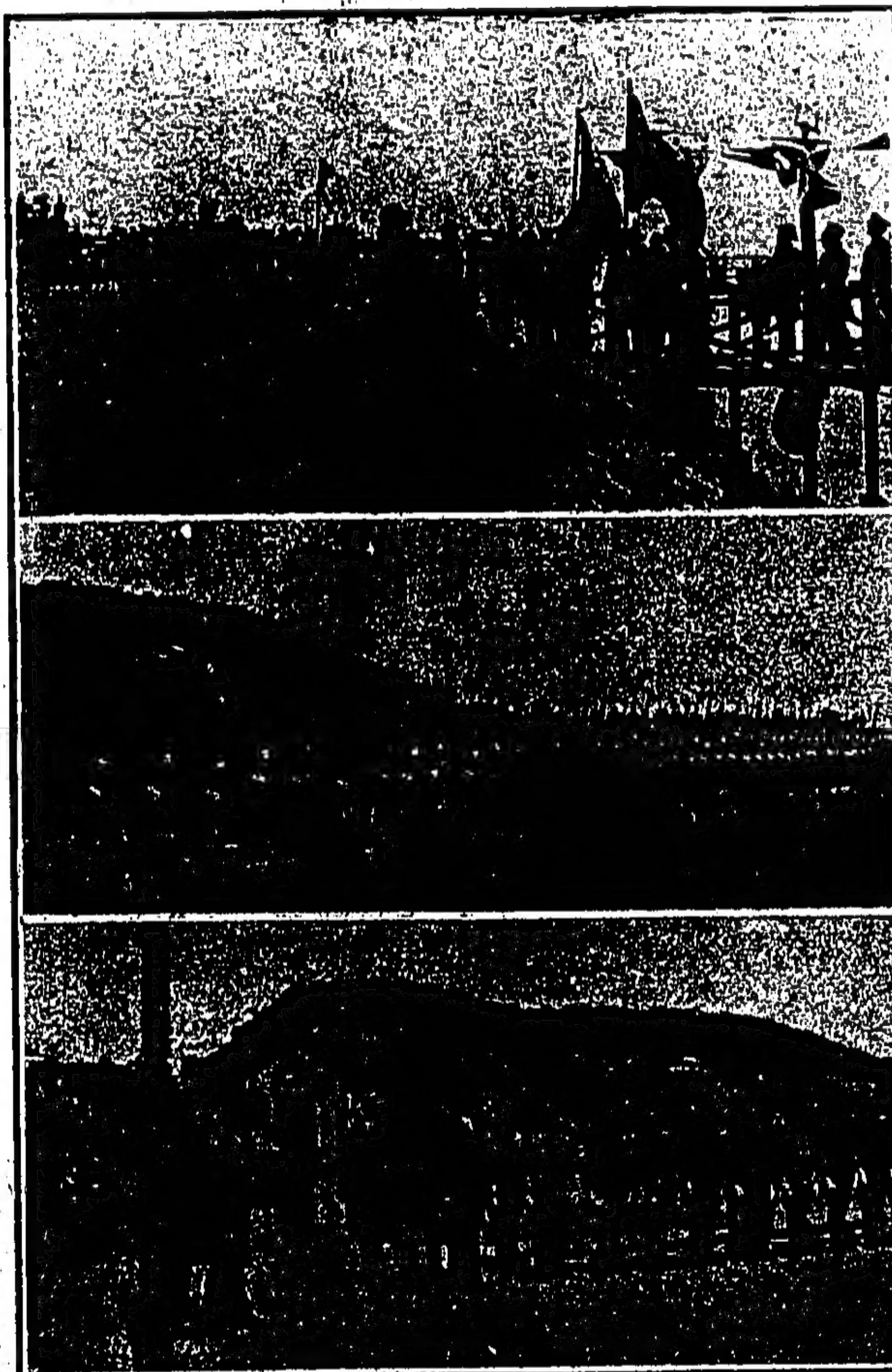
HONG KONG AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY'S PRODUCTION.—"On Approval," by Frederick Lonsdale, which had a run of over a year in London, and is being staged at the Theatre Royal during the current season. Here is one of the scenes but the photo is of those taking part and not of an incident in the play.—Left to right: Richard Halton (B. L. Seton-Winton), Maria Wislack (Eva Davidson), Mrs. F. G. Hunt (the producer), Helen Hayle (Lucy Greensmith), the Duke of Bristol (M. M. Maas).



ACE OF SPADES.—The champion, owned and ridden by Lt. J. G. Shillington, of the 2nd Batt. the King's Own Scottish Borderers, being led in part the public enclosure at Kwanti, at the Fanling Hunt's steeplechase meeting last Sunday.—(K. Fujiyama).



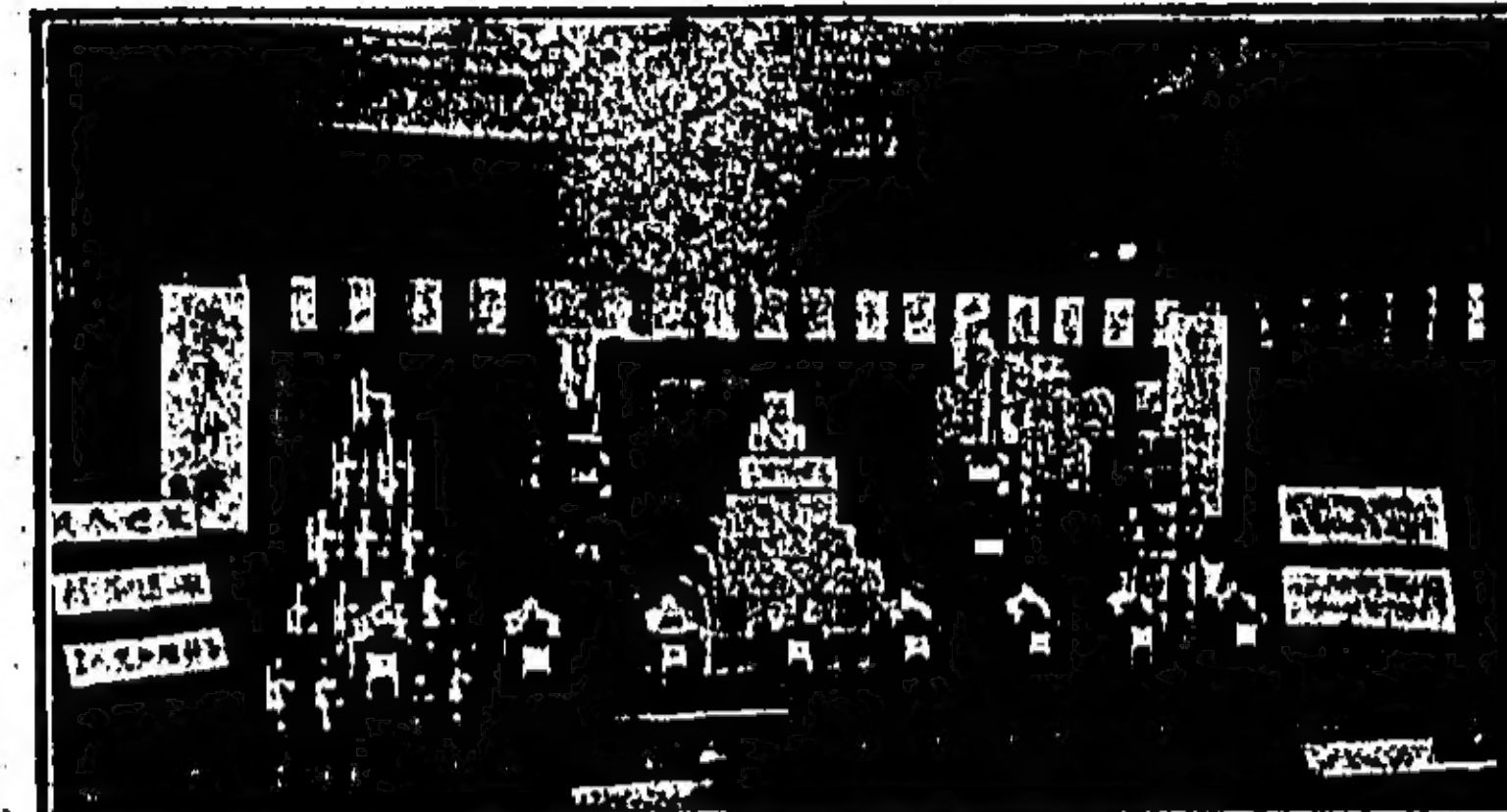
OVER THE JUMPS.—An excellent snapshot of the field, taking one of the jumps on the Kwanti race course last Sunday, at the China New Year steeplechase meeting of the Fanling Hunt.—(K. Fujiyama).



DANISH MINISTER VISITS MACAO.—H.E. the Minister for Denmark in Peking, Mr. H. de Kauffmann, paid a visit recently to Macao, where he was warmly received by H.E. the Governor of Macao (Senhor A. T. Barbosa), and other officials on landing. Top: the arrival of the Danish Minister, who was met by the Governor and officials; centre: the guard of honour; bottom: Mr. Kauffmann, accompanied by the Governor, reviewing the guard of honour.—(Photos by courtesy of Mr. J. Catela).

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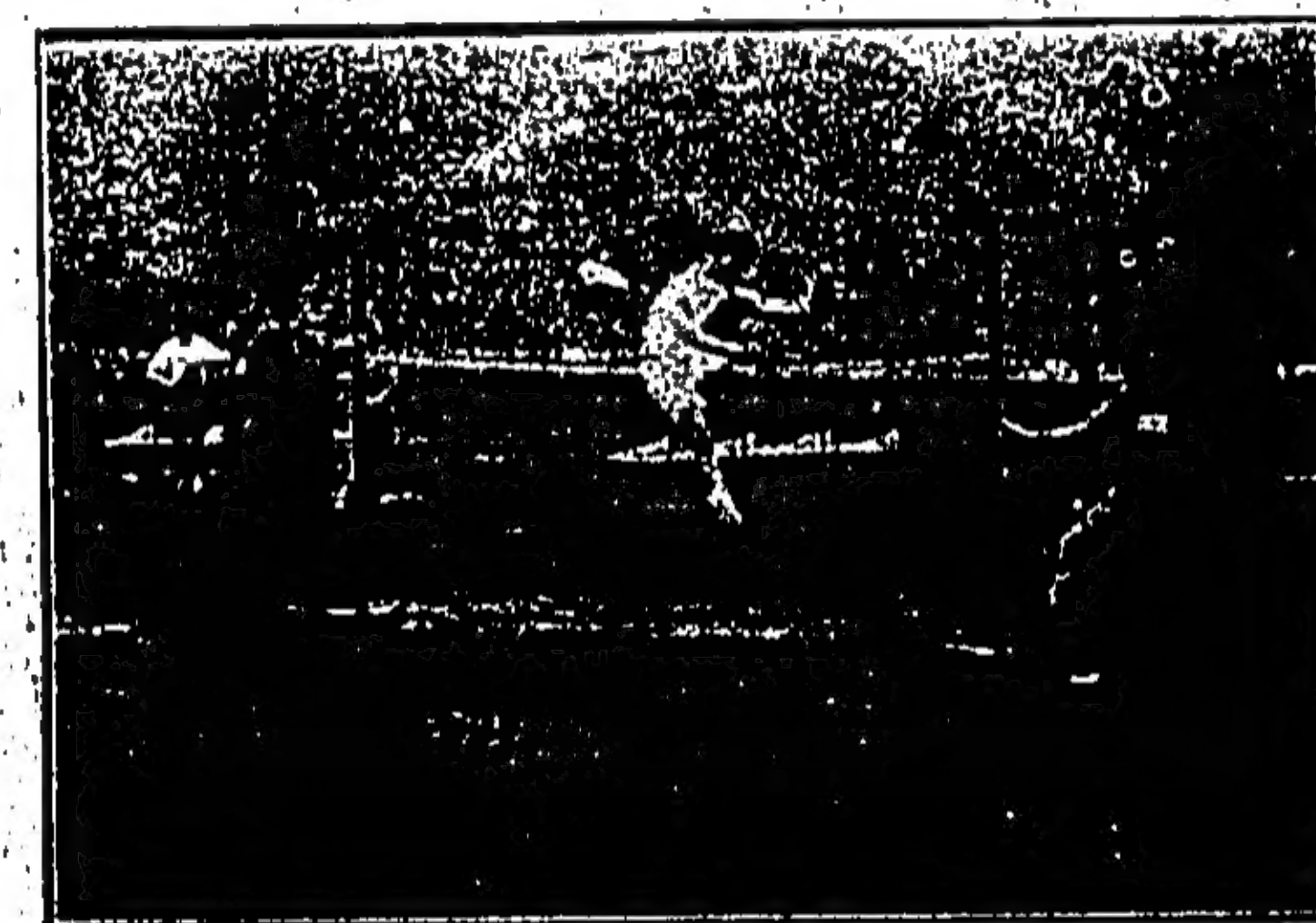
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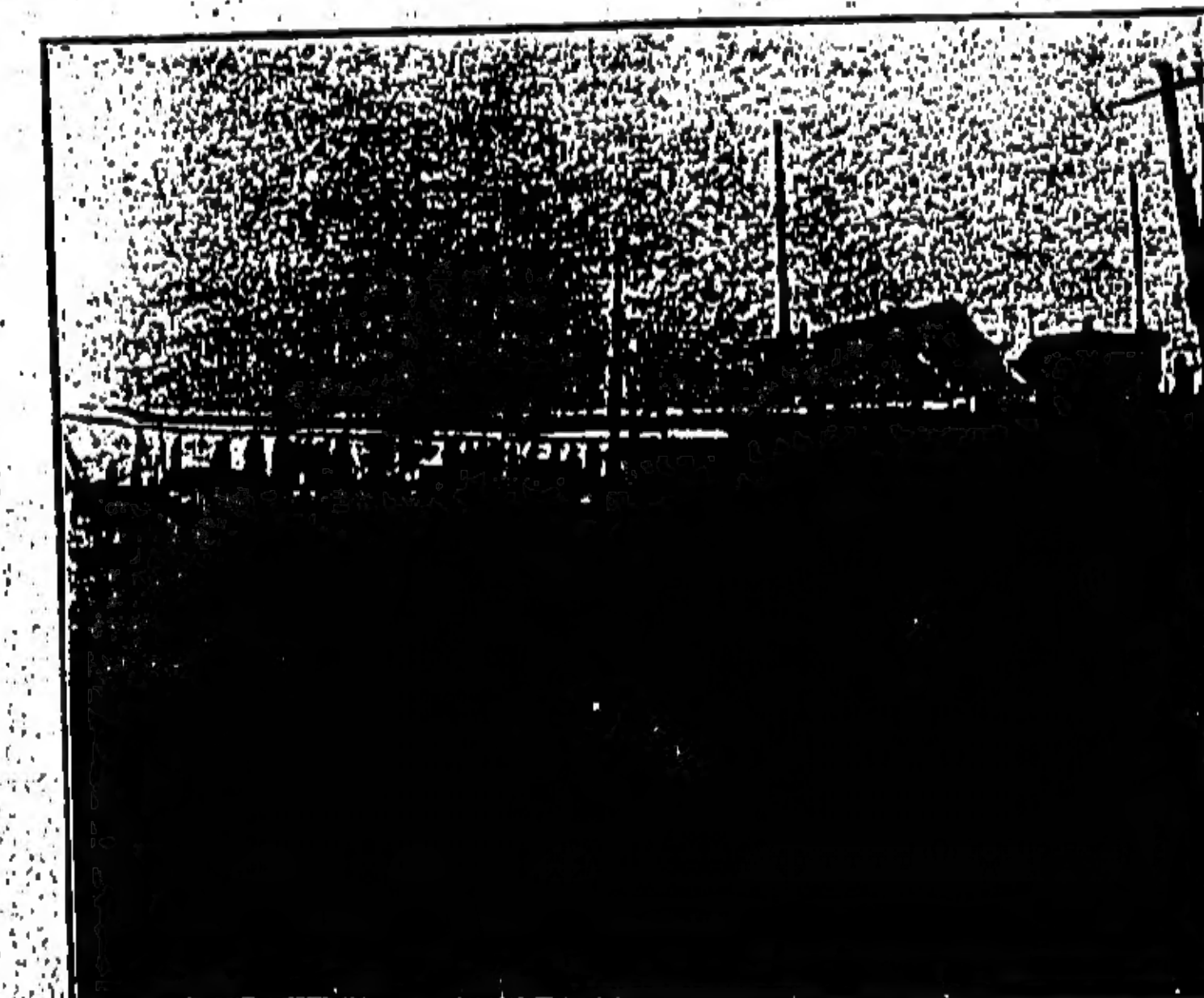
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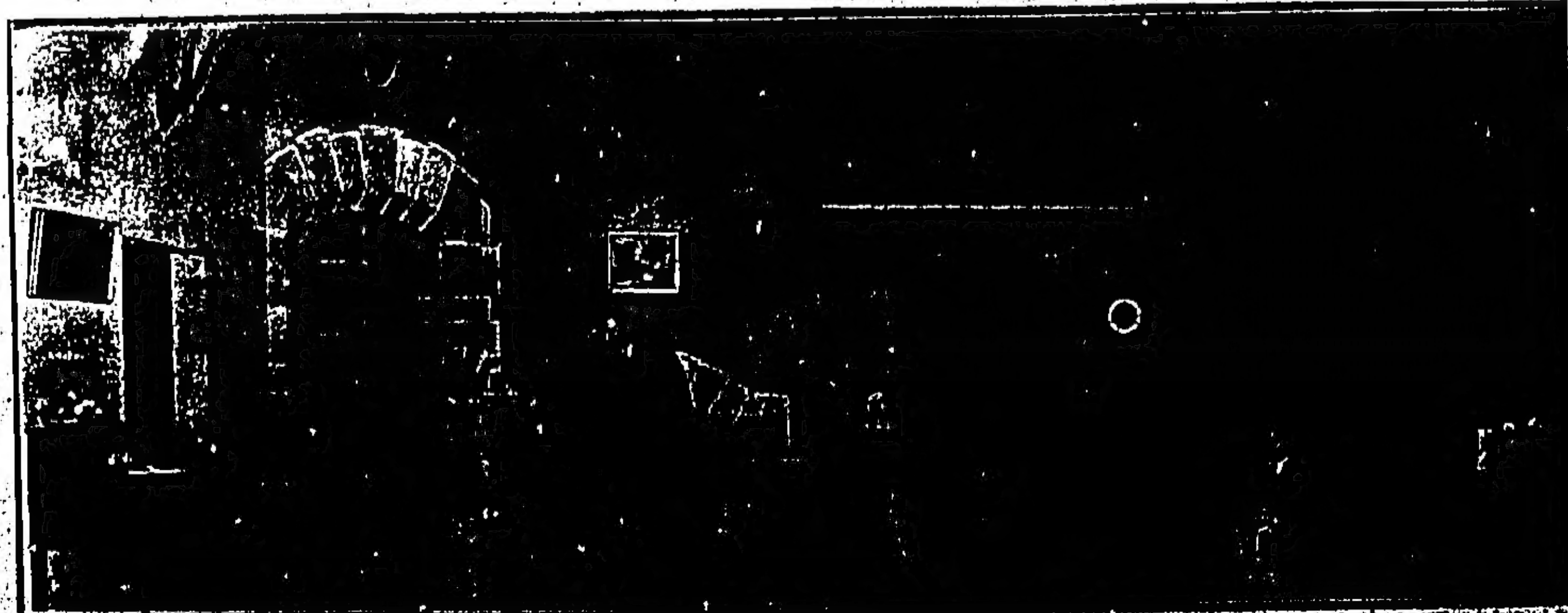
SPORTS IN CAMP.—In the high jump of the meeting of the 2nd Batt. King's Own Scottish Borderers, at San Wal Camp, near Fanling.—(K. Fujiyama).



NEW COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.—Vice-Admiral A. K. Waisell, C.B., taking the salute on the quarter deck of H.M.S. "Kent" (alongside the camber, R.N. Dockyard) when he transferred his flag after arrival here.



PAMELA GUENCROSS.—A charming pupil of Miss Violet Cavell, as she will appear in the forthcoming display at the Queen's Theatre (Feb. 27) and Star Theatre (March 2).



"ON APPROVAL" AT THE THEATRE ROYAL.—Produced by the Hon. Lord Aldrich, above is one of the scenes in Frederick Lonsdale's London success. Left to right: Maria Wislack (Eva Davidson), Richard Halton (B. L. Seton-Winton), Helen Hayle (Lucy Greensmith), the Duke of Bristol (M. M. Maas).



MADGE BELLAMY & JAMES NEILL.—In "Silk Legs," a William Fox attraction, to be shown locally next week.

OUR WOMEN'S SECTION

A Smart, New Negligee



Only a Spartan among women—if any there are—could resist this smartest of the new negligees turned out by the Paris dressmakers, a luxurious creation consisting of a heavy metallic-brocaded cut and flat "creepe" trousers. Notice the loose cut of the garment, an insurance of the ultimate in comfort.

ACCESSORIES

Two Ways To Choose Them

Undenially, it is the adjuncts of a gown that give it its tone or put the mark of good or bad taste on any costume. In summer, accessories are most necessary, but they are fewer than in winter, which only means that more time must be spent in thinking out the colour schemes and general effect. "There are two ways to choose accessories," says a writer in an overseas periodical. "You may match things exactly, or you may pick them as you would the small pieces of a picture puzzle, each one because it is related to the whole and necessary to complete the picture. It is quite true, for in-

antelope bags, there are bags of kid, cat-skin, lizard and glazed alligator, duvelling and felt. The bags that are carried with tailored street clothes and sports clothes are usually envelopes, either oblong or square with amusingly shaped flaps. The bags that are most used by smart women with more formal clothes are square antelope bags on frames of shining gold or silver, amber or tortoise shell. The colour is black, beige, brown, grey or gunmetal and matches the stocking or the costume itself. A frock may be made suitable to almost any occasion by the careful use of accessories. Take a light beige sports frock, for instance. One may treat it in shades of brown. Brown shoes, brown felt hat, a handkerchief round the neck



Seen at Kwant last Sunday and worn by one of the elite of lady turfites in the Colony.

LIGHTHOUSE MESSAGES

Installation Difficulties

Canberra, Jan. 22. The difficulties of installing wireless transmission at all lighthouses was stressed today by the Minister for Trade and Customs (Mr. Gullett), when referring to the call which the steamer "Katoomba" had to pay to Gabo Island on Sunday morning to attend the wife of a lighthouse-keeper, and a statement by the captain of the vessel to the effect that this illustrated the advisability of equipping lighthouses with wireless.

"This matter," said Mr. Gullett, "has received a good deal of consideration from the Department, but it is not so simple as many seem to imagine. People are so used to buying a wireless set and hooking it on to a wire that they are apt to imagine that this is all there is involved at the lighthouse stations. Quite the contrary is the case, however, as what is required to despatch messages from a lighthouse station is, of course, a sending-set, which is a very different proposition from a receiving set. I am advised that it is a very much more complicated proposition which requires the generation of electric current and the control of electrical apparatus."

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Warming Up!



Because she wanted to get in condition for a forthcoming endurance swim, Miss Lottie Schoemmel, the New York distance "star" first went skating in a swimming costume on the ice at Van Cortlandt Park, then chopped a hole in the ice and plunged in for a swim. Under these circumstances, the difficulty of establishing such a plant at every lighthouse around the coast of Australia will be appreciated.

The Formal Fur



The elegance of the mode is heightened in the evening. Formal gowns and wraps are especially feminine in design and in feeling. Their detail, too, marks them for their feminine appeal in exaggerated effects.

The ability to treat furs as fabrics accounts for their formal elegance. Draped lines, panels, trains, bows, subtle falling of folds and the deft manipulation of pelts all help to create a pleasing formality in wraps and coats designed for formal appearances.

In general the problem in designing evening wraps is to find a type that looks well with the new eve-



The latest in gloves!

ning gowns of dipping, uneven hemlines. For this reason the fur cape has been selected by many. Other types of coats conform to the new mode and provide interesting outlines which harmonize with the newer dresses. Barrel sleeves—when sleeves are used—are most successful and are particularly effective with collarless necks. The huge fur collars that still maintain their popularity are best contrasted with the plainer sleeves. Fur wraps which are so designed to drape upwards in front are decidedly smart and becoming with the picturesque new gowns.

Almost all the old formal pelts are again seen with ermine being shown as the favourite fur. Summer ermine provides a wide range of colours and sable, chinchilla and mink again provide gorgeous coverings for the elaborate gown. Billie Dove is seen in one of the most interesting and gorgeous of new wraps in First National's "Adoration." Miss Dove has chosen a chinchilla wrap of long and interesting lines with huge sleeves, a roll collar and a long train for novelty and distinction.

EVENING KERCHIEFS

The popular kerchief is important for all sorts of wear and many occasions. For evening the newer ones are of chiffon. These are very large and they are often worn tied around the wrist. Sometimes they are worn over the shoulders as a protection against draughts. In colour, they provide a contrast to the gown. With a white gown, a green chiffon may be chosen, white with black a bright scarlet looks delightful. Jewellery of coloured stones and silver and gold promises to be very smart and will be worn more than pearls. Rhinestones are also very popular, and a wonderful display of these is to be seen in a leading jewellers' window. These ornaments look well when worn with evening gowns or light filmy frocks for formal occasions.

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One of the smartest designs forecasted by experts for wearing during Hong Kong Race Week.

FASHION PIRATES

Paris Dressmakers' Action

Nine leading Paris dressmakers combined to stamp out the pirating of new fashion designs. The Paris correspondent of the "Daily News" says that a special staff of detectives will attend future fashion shows to which fashion artists and writers will be excluded until the buyers have seen the models. The buyers' credentials will be examined before they are allowed to enter the show, and the purchases of foreign buyers will be sealed and sent direct to their destination. Action will also be taken against the cheap French houses whose sole business is the reproduction and sale of pirated styles.

TABLE LINEN HINTS

Through constant folding and pressing in the same lines, table cloths quickly show signs of wear at the folds. If a narrow strip is cut off each of the four edges and the cloth re-hemmed, the position of the folds will be altered and the new crease will be stronger to withstand repeated mangling and ironing. If in too bad a state for this method of renovation, good strips from old table cloths make useful everyday table napkins. With the addition of suitable edging, larger strips make useful extra tray cloths.

A Black Coat



A black coat with a high collar and a long train, which is quite outside the scope of the untrained lighthouse-keeper. In fact, a sending set requires the services of a skilled operator. Under these circumstances, the difficulty of establishing such a plant at every lighthouse around the coast of Australia will be appreciated.

Luxurious Evening Wrap



This luxurious evening wrap is the pet creation of a famous Paris dressmaker. It utilizes heavy gold embroidery upon velvet material in the new shade of "Worth green."

BEAUTY-CULTURE

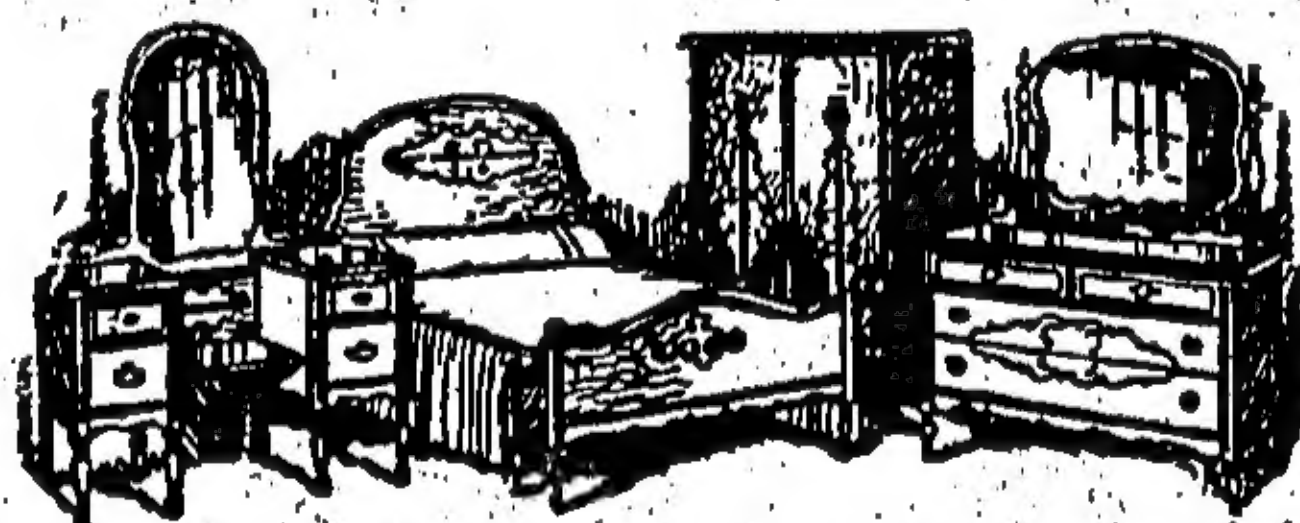
Care of Hands

The general shape and size of the hands cannot be changed, but their condition may always be such that they are attractive to look at. The good effect of a lovely face, carefully considered, tasteful clothes, etc., may be spoiled by neglected, carelessly groomed hands and nails. Hands whose contours have been altered to a certain degree by hard, rough work can be improved by hand exercises which involve, not only the hand itself, but also the fingers and joints. While joints which have become enlarged cannot, as a rule, be brought back to their natural shape, they may be

Scrub the nails with the nail brush when the hands are washed, and use the pumice stone to remove ink stains, rough or calloused spots, or unsightly marks on the hands.

The housewife may keep her hands in good order even when working every day in the kitchen. Bran has magical qualities in preserving the good appearance of working hands. Mix bran with hot water; let it stand until warm, and wash the hands thoroughly in the mixture. The stains which the bran does not remove will vanish with an application of lemon or tomato juice. Olive oil should be rubbed into the nails at night.

Lard, vinegar, and soap are three simple preventives of stained hands. The lard should be rubbed



A magnificent four-piece bedroom suite which has been designed to the order of an ex-Mandarin for his son's wedding in Canton.

made more flexible through exercises and proper care.

Regular manicure will keep the nails even of busy people dainty looking and shapely. The outfit necessary for nail care should comprise a thin file, steel scissors, a soft, pliable buffer, orange wood sticks, an emery board, nail brush, small pumice stone, unscented soap, a good hand lotion or cold cream, nail polish; and in case the skin is discoloured or stained under the nails, and a little peroxide of hydrogen to serve as a bleach. Scissors should not be used to cut the nails or cuticle, but only to remove ragged bits of cuticle, or to make the corners of the nails smooth. The emery board should be used to smooth the edges of the nails, after the filing is done.

around the nails before cleaning the stove, or doing any unusually dirty job, and it, too, will remove fresh paint from the skin. The vinegar may be put on, and allowed to dry before peeling fruit or doing anything else likely to leave lasting stains, and when the washing is finished that shrivelled look may be taken away immediately by dipping the hands into vinegar. When starting a big day's cleaning or before beginning to work in the garden, or with pot plants, the nails should be filed by scratching them over a softened cake of soap. When the work is finished, the soap will come out quite easily, when the nails will be found free from discolouration or stain that otherwise would be troublesome to remove.

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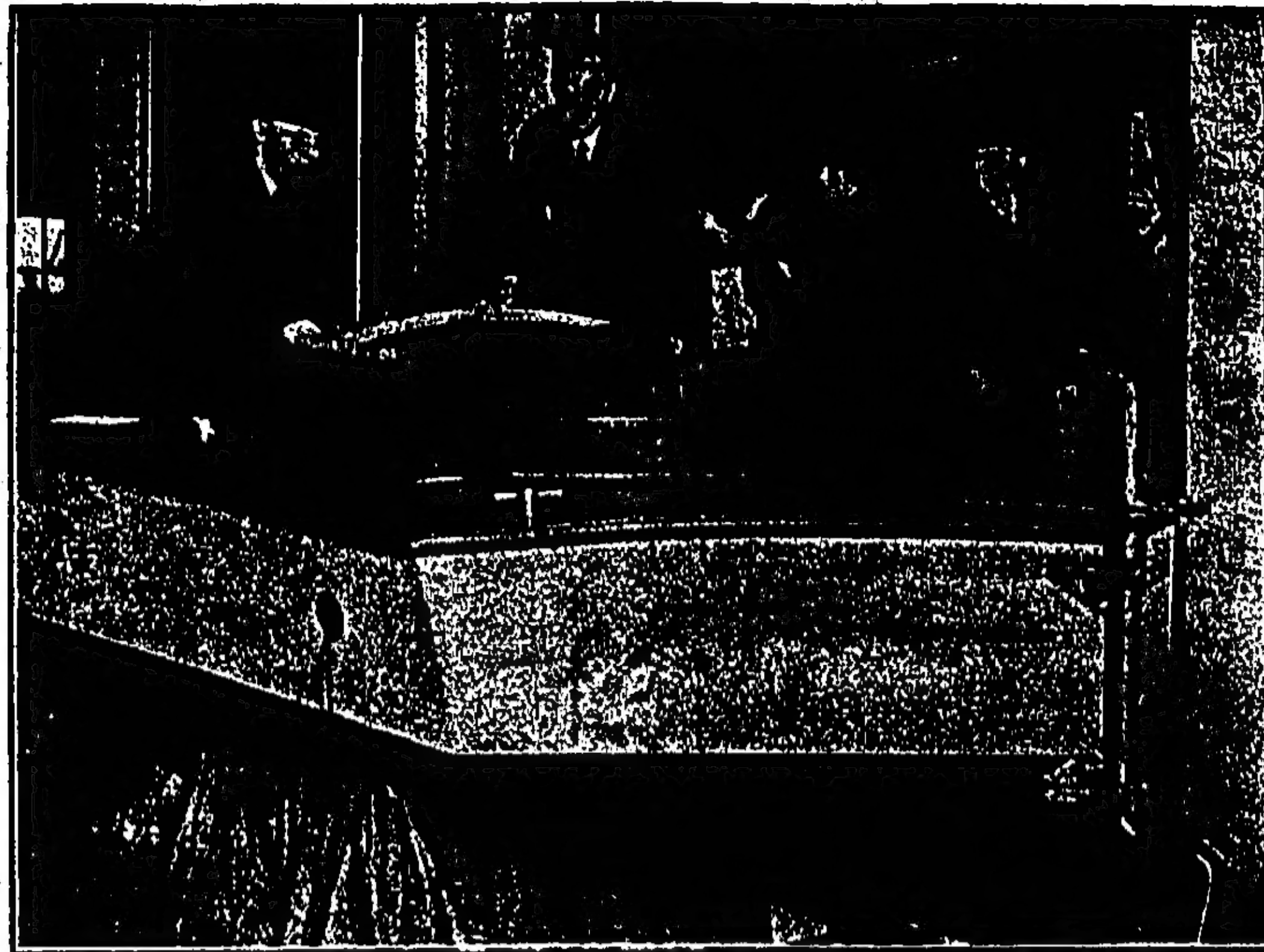
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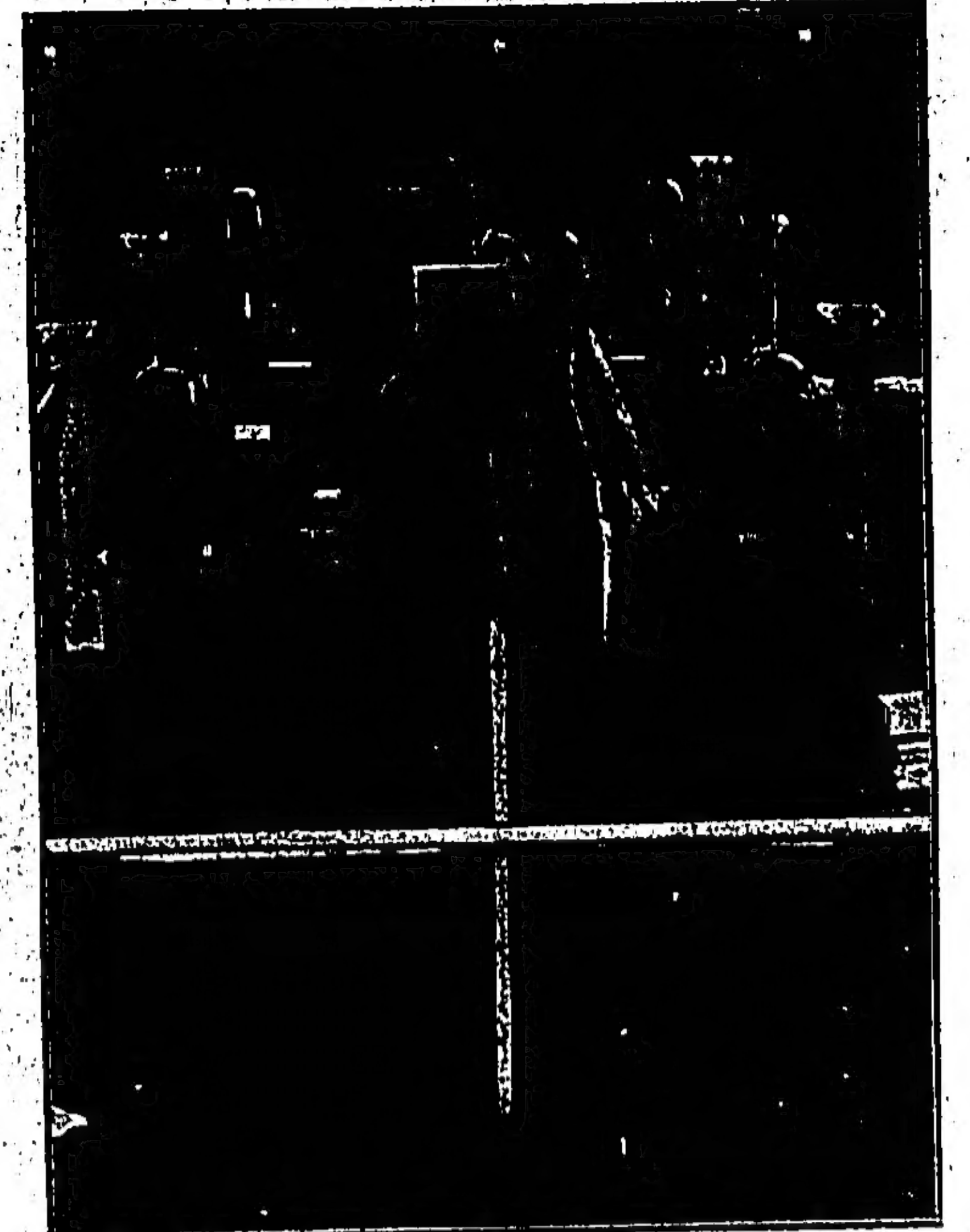
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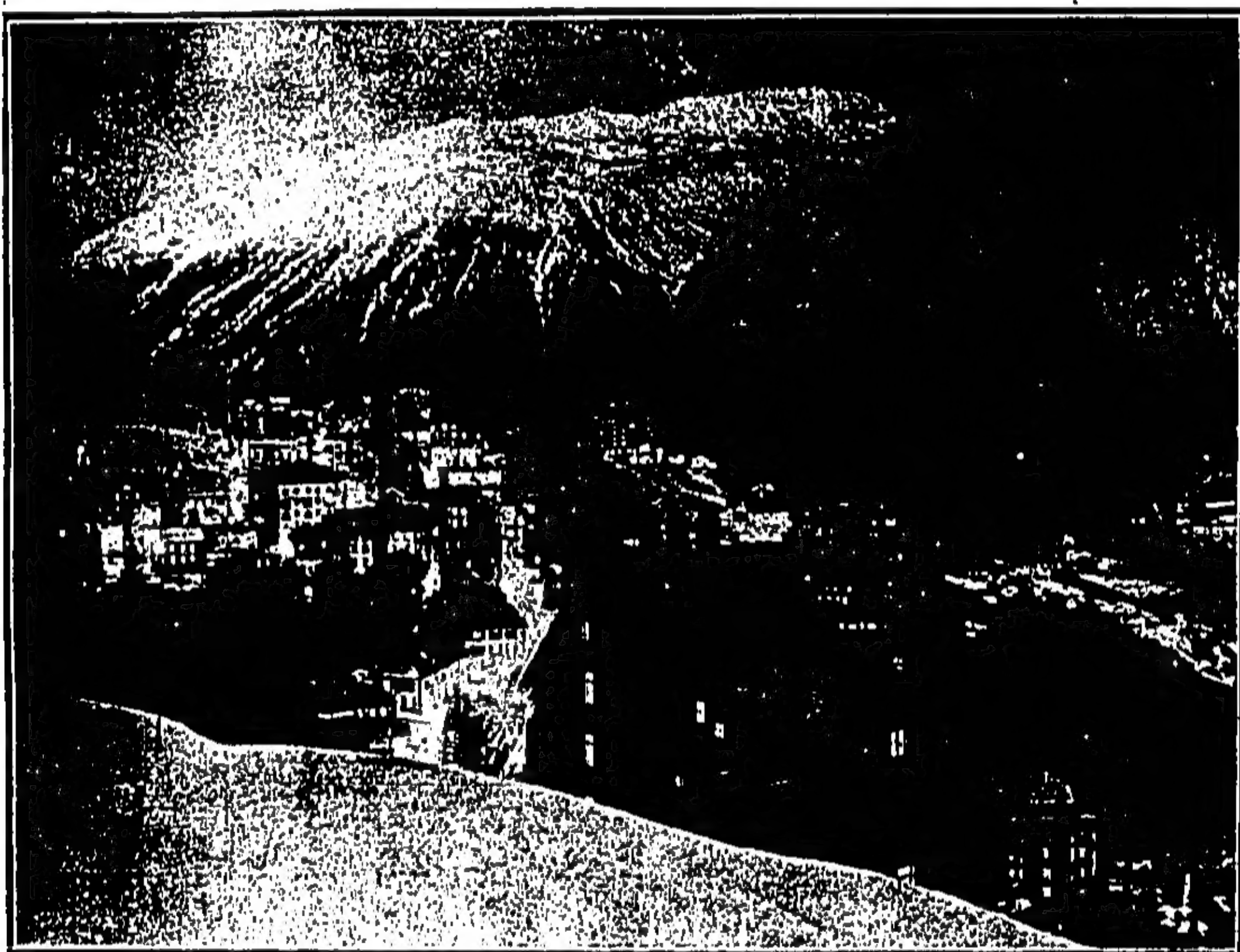
SCOTLAND IN LONDON.—A novel entertainment at a London music hall. A real Highland gathering depicting Scottish dances and sports was held on the stage of the London Coliseum in celebration of Burns Week. John Maitland, of Cullin, is seen tossing the caber. He is the winner of many competitions.—(Sport and General).



MAJOR SEGRAVE TO ATTEMPT WORLD'S SPEED RECORDS ON LAND AND WATER.—He sailed for America on Jan. 30, taking with him his 950 h.p. great racing car "Golden Arrow" and his 900 h.p. new motor boat "Miss England" with which he hopes to capture the speed records for England. Both car and boat were on show in London. Major Segrave (left) is seen explaining some points of his motor boat to Sir Sefton Branker. The new boat is 26 ft. in length with a beam of 7 ft. 6 ins., weighs less than 1½ tons with two passengers and is expected to attain a speed of 100 m.p.h.—(Sport and General).



THE "GOLDEN ARROW."—Major H. O. D. Segrave has taken to America his 950 h.p. great racing car "Golden Arrow" and his 900 h.p. new motor boat "Miss England" with which he hopes to capture the speed records. A special feature of the car is the "gunsights" which can be plainly seen in photo and which will be used to facilitate the steering.—(Sport and General).



BEAUTIES OF SWITZERLAND BY NIGHT. A GENERAL VIEW OF ST. MORITZ, WHERE THE WINTER SPORTS ENTHUSIASTS NO DOUBT TOOK PART IN NIGHT-TIME FESTIVITIES AT THE HOTELS.—(Sport and General).



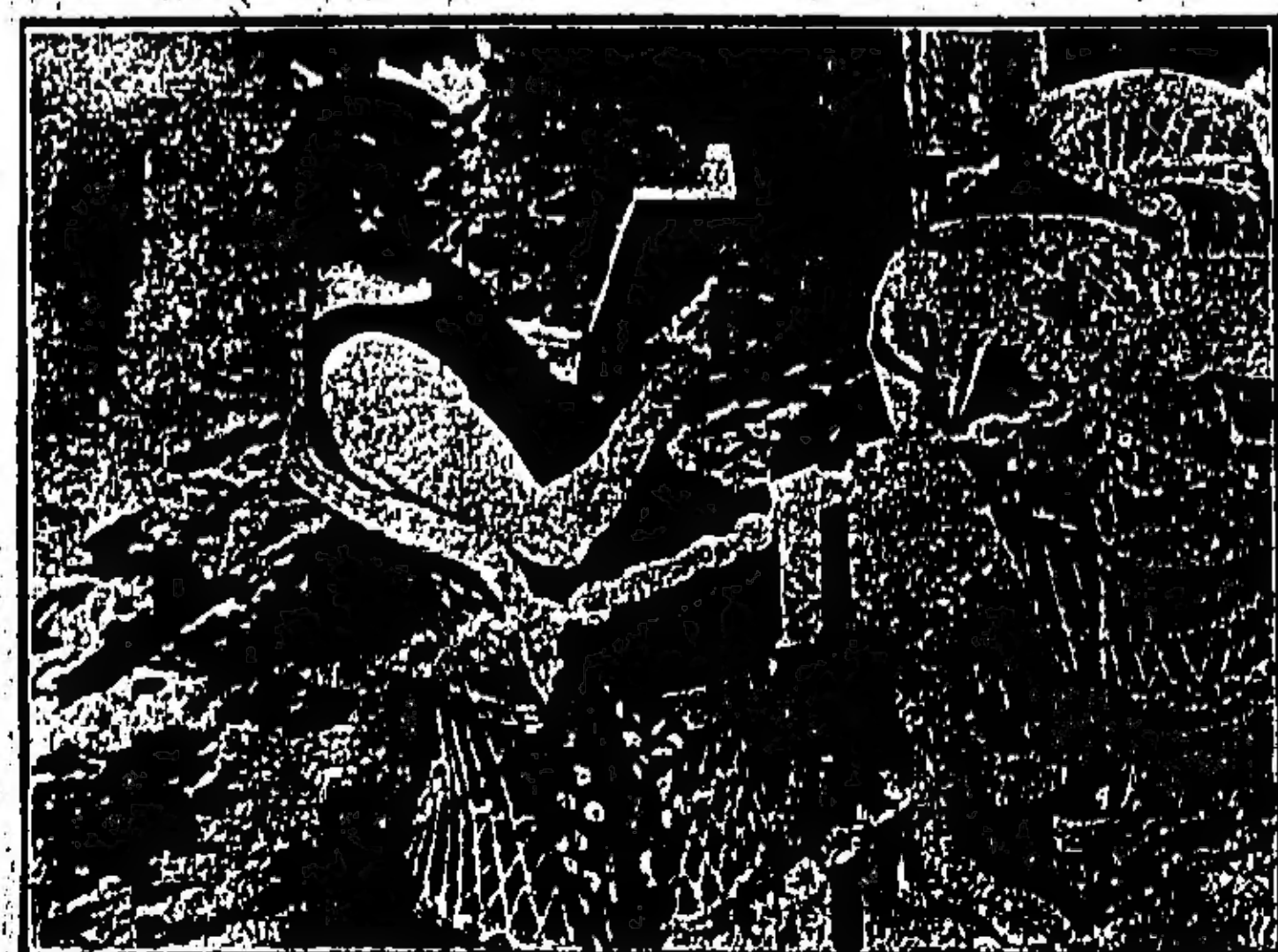
COMMISSIONER EDWARD J. HIGGINS, C.B.E., hitherto Chief of Staff, who has succeeded General Bramwell Booth as commander of the Salvation Army. He was involved on Jan. 18, in a motor accident.—(Sport and General).



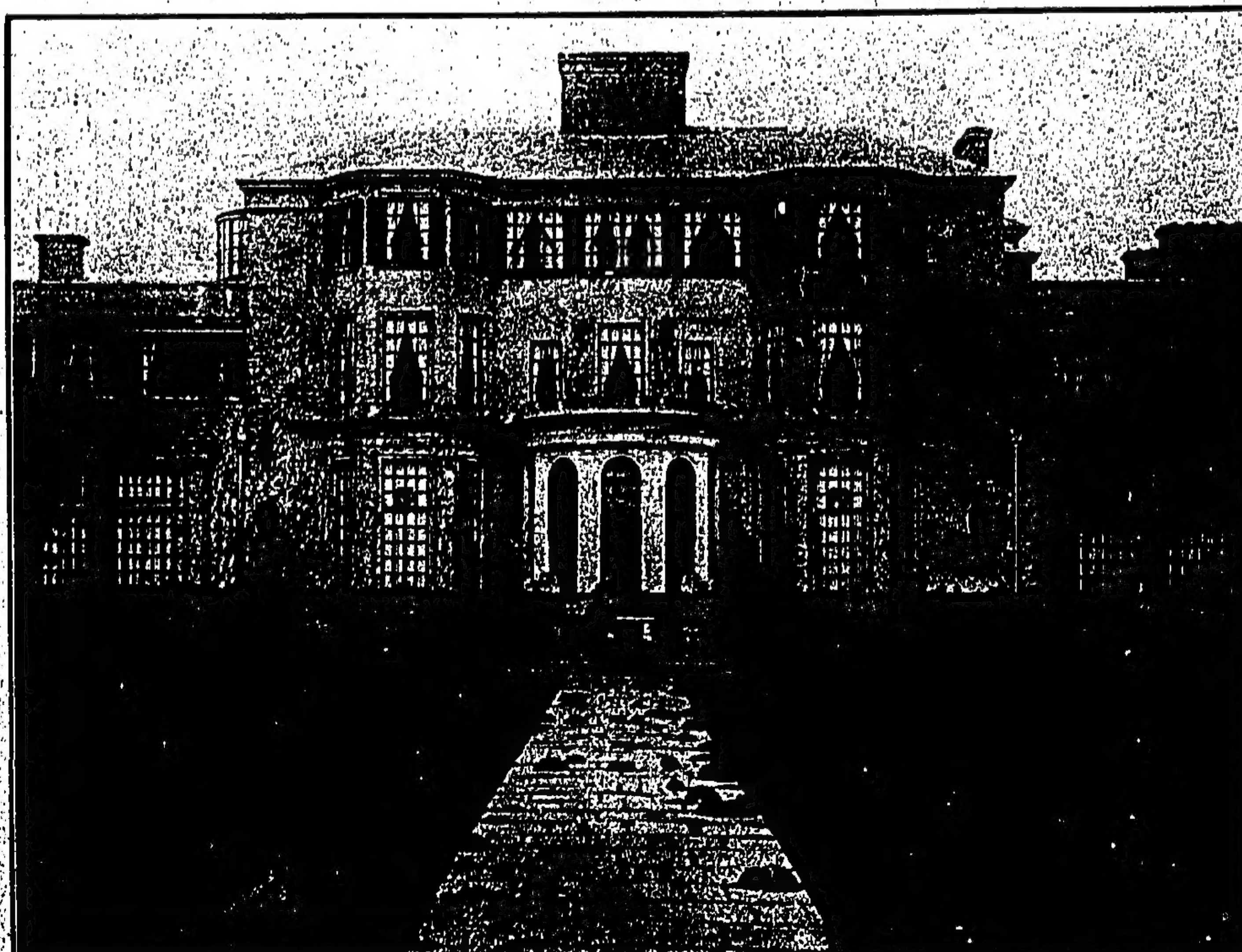
UNUSUAL SCENE IN ENGLAND.—A snow sleigh on the London-Maldstone-road. Mrs. Kilburn Scott's famous champion Samoyeds out for a run at Farningham, Kent, in the snow. She is seen standing in the photo and makes a pretty picture as she views the wintry landscape during a rest on the cross-country journey.—(Sport and General).



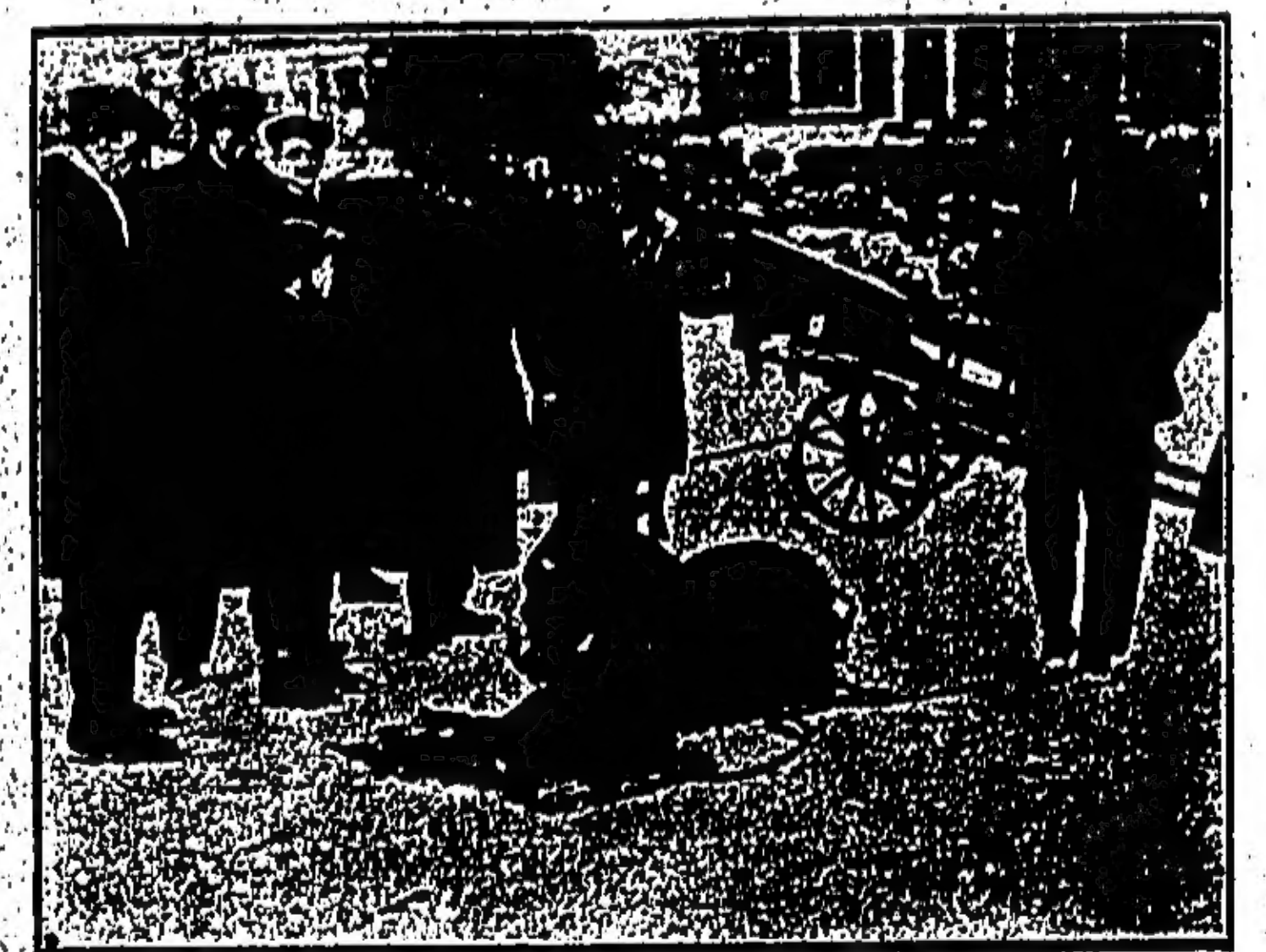
THE SALVATION ARMY.—The Salvation Army High Council's most momentous meeting to discuss the appointment of a new General. Commander Eva Booth (General Booth's sister) is seen shaking hands with Colonel Muthiah, a delegate from Madras.—(Sport and General).



NOTABILITIES AT MADEIRA.—A popular winter resort for English Society. "Literature and the Sun." Lord Birkenhead (the ex-Lord Chancellor) reading a book while sun-bathing.—(Sport and General).



H.M. THE KING RECUPERATING AT BOGNOR. HIS MAJESTY IS NOW RECOVERING AT CRAIGWELL HOUSE, THE RESIDENCE OF SIR ARTHUR DU CROS, WHICH HAS BEEN PLACED AT HIS DISPOSAL. THIS MAGNIFICENT STONE MANSION OVERLOOKS THE BAY AT THE OLD WORLD VILLAGE OF ALDWICK AND IS AN IDEAL SPOT FOR AN INVALID.—Here is a general view of the house from the promenade.—(Sport and General).



LONDON'S WHIRLWIND SNOWSTORM.—Sky as black as night for half an hour on the morning of Jan. 16, London was in the throes of a whirlwind snowstorm which blotted out the daylight, caused traffic chaos, motors to skid, horses to slip and fall, and delayed thousands of people on their way to work. Here is a casualty. The greengrocer's donkey comes to grief on the slippery Old Kent-road.—(Sport and General).



TO ATTEMPT RECORD.—An attempt on the world's duration record, without re-fuelling, is to be made by a Fairey long range aircraft fitted with a Napier Lion engine. The visitors beside the machine's propeller are (left) Flight-Lt. Eric Victor Major, and Squadron-Leader Arthur Gordon Jones-Williams, M.C.—(Sport and General).



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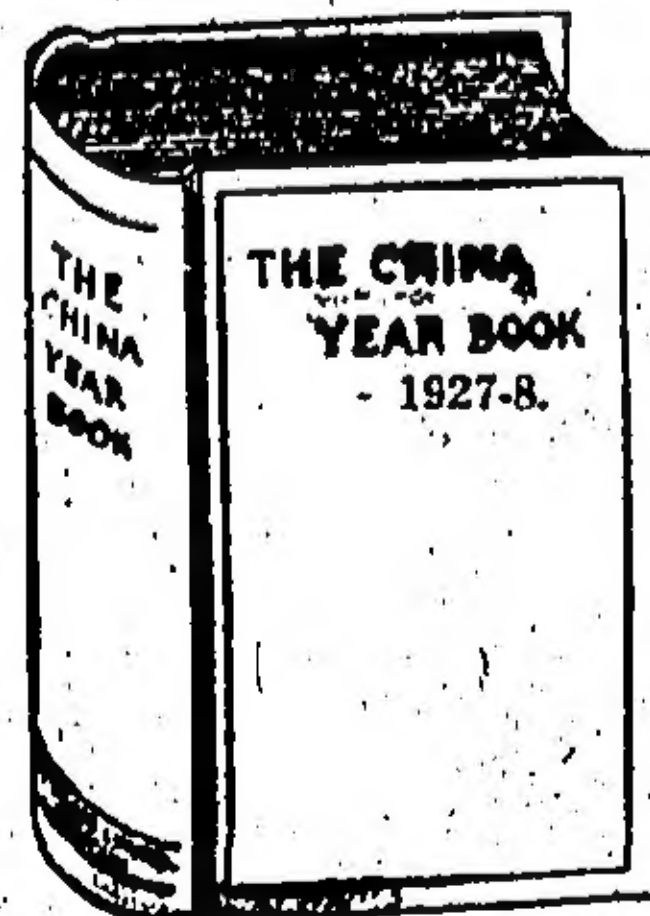
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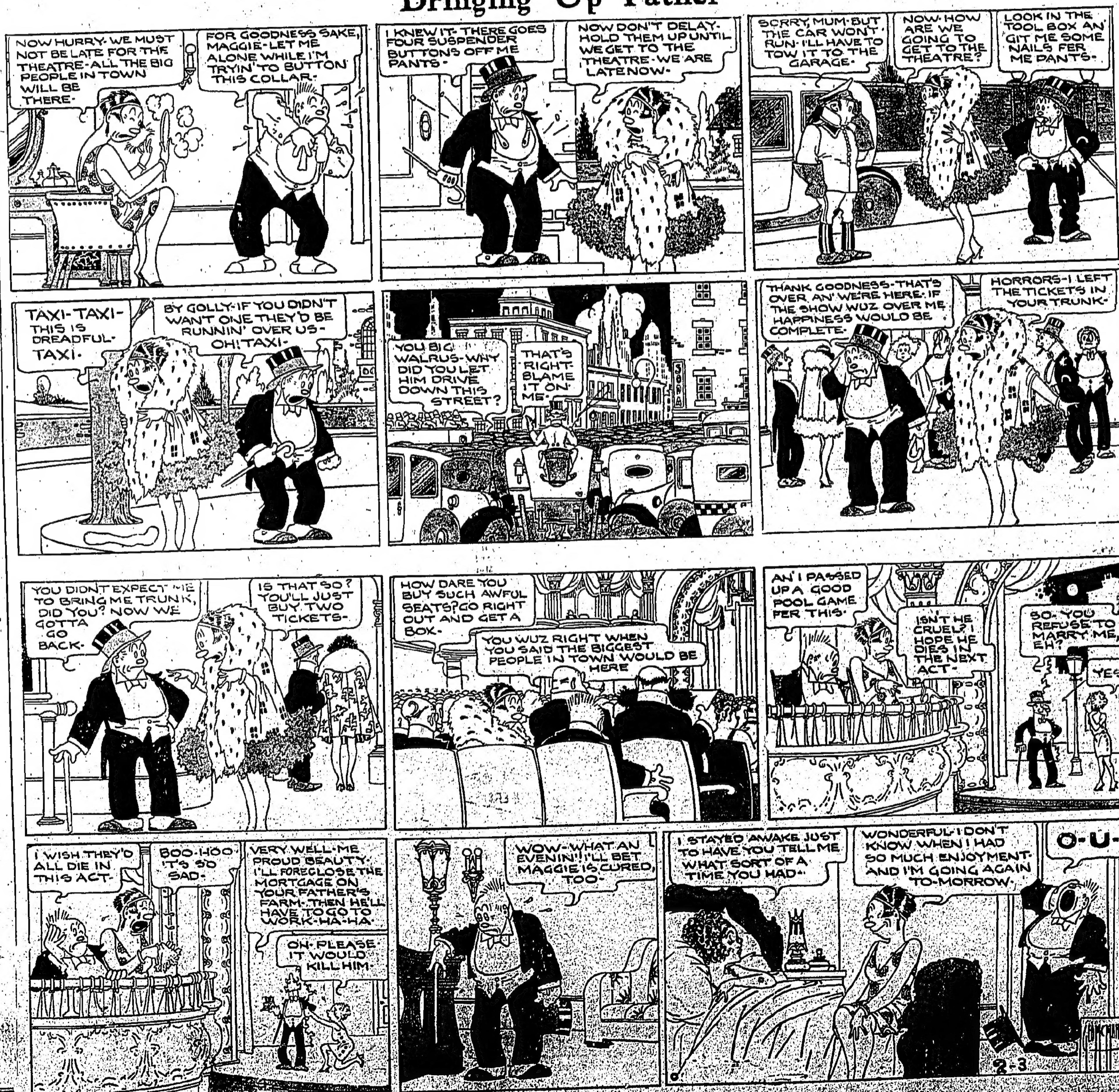
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XXI.—WISE MEN—THEN AND NOW.

[By the Rev. L. B. Ashby]

In the palm of history, King Arthur and his knights are at best shadowy and uncertain figures. Neither they themselves nor their exploits have any sure historical basis. All the same, no one could very well read the Arthurian legends without learning a very great deal about spiritual things, such as chivalry, honour, courage and loyalty. Truth—and very great and vital truth—can be "embodied in a tale," and we have only to think of Our Lord's parables to realise that stories are some of the most effective of all vehicles for bringing truth home to our hearts and minds.

The historicity of the Wise Men can, of course, neither be proved nor disproved. In any case, it does not matter. Whether they belong to the realm of poetry and legend rather than to the realm of history is immaterial. If you prefer to think of it as just a beautiful old story, well and good; only, remember that a story may enshrine very valuable spiritual truth; and if we approach this story intelligently, we shall do so as those who are not going to bother much about what sort of casket it is which holds the jewels, as long as they can get a glimpse of the jewel itself which lies inside. Approached in this way, it is seen to be both a prophecy and a parable.

And first, it is a prophecy, and, what is more, a prophecy which is actually being fulfilled before our eyes to-day. These sages, journeying from Eastern lands to seek out the Christ in Bethlehem and offering at His cradle their worship and their gifts, represent plainly enough the East with its ancient philosophies and its immortal religions turning its face to Christ and coming to lay its treasures at His feet. This is precisely what is happening at the present time. If neither India, China, nor Japan have as yet become Christian nations, yet in all these lands educated men are more and more turning their eyes towards Jesus Christ with ever deepening interest.

Turning to Christ

The New Testament is being earnestly read and studied in the East to an extent which few people realise, and Our Lord's character and teaching are beginning to be accepted almost unconsciously as the ideal standard of conduct. Many educated Hindus to-day will speak quite naturally of an action as being "Christ-like" though they have not themselves become Christians. The old religions are maintained and will not doubt hold their ground for many a long day, but they are ceasing to meet the spiritual needs of those who are really seeking after God. These ancient cults have no good news of God to offer, and, further, the best minds in the East are beginning to admit the hopeless deficiency of their moral teaching in the light of the standard set up by the New Testament.

Even amongst well educated Jews there is to-day a movement towards the serious study of Christ's teaching. That is a very significant fact. The face of the East is turning, however slowly, towards Bethlehem and its Star. It seems almost certain that as the world becomes unified, as it is rapidly doing, it will ultimately have one universal religion. Can this religion possibly be any other than the religion of Christ? Can anyone even faintly imagine the world as a whole becoming either Buddhist or Hindu or Mohammedan? But one can easily conceive of its becoming Christian not only because the Christian standard of life is the highest that there is, but because Christianity is the only religion which is really international and transcends all boundaries of climate and colour. Its outlook is neither merely Eastern nor Western because Christ is neither an Eastern nor a Western, but is Himself international. He was made man, and not a man, and in consequence He is as much at home in China as in England.

Roads to Nowhere

It is needless to point out what priceless spiritual gifts the ancient East will bring as its offering to Him when at last it reaches Bethlehem. And for ourselves this old-world story is a parable about our own search after God. If we want to find Him we must begin by finding Christ, for no one will ever find Him in any other way than that which the Wise Men took. People, we are told, are seeking after God at this present time, but they are seeking Him everywhere except in the one place where He is to be found. They are dabbling in Spiritualism, Theosophy, New Thought, and "mysticisms" about the Pyramids—all of them roads which lead nowhere. Meanwhile, He is at Bethlehem. As a matter of fact, He does not need finding, because

He has been found. He has been found in Christ. "If the finest spirits of the human race," says Stanley Jones, "should sit down and think out the kind of God whom they would like to see in the Universe, his moral and spiritual likeness would gradually form like unto the Son of Man. The greatest news that has ever been broken to the human race is that God is like Christ."

You can meet people to-day who tell you that they can believe in Christ, but cannot believe in God. It is an oddly false antithesis. Jesus does not rival or push out God. The more you know of Him the more you know of God. This is an actual fact of experience made by millions, that in coming to know Christ they have come to know God. It is a matter of simple testimony and not of argument. We can think of nothing higher for God than that He should be like Jesus in His character. If that is not good enough for us then it is impossible to imagine what we really want. If people find that they can give their hearts to Christ, has it never struck them that God cannot possibly be less good than He is? Has it never struck them either that you cannot divorce the lovely character of Jesus from His fellowship of heart and mind and will with God, of Whom He is never tired of speaking? How can we accept Christ and at the same time reject His witness to and testimony about God? This is simply not logic.

COMEDY OF VENICE

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ENCHANTING ROMANCE

Constance Talmadge has a colourful story of Venice, that enchanting city of canals where romance seems to beckon in the dancing splashes of light from each glowing window, with mystery and adventure lurking in the shadows beyond at the Majestic Theatre, Kowloon, in "Venice."

It is a story of a hoydenish gypsy of the waterways whose capacity for roguery and mischief is seemingly limitless; a madcap feared by police and citizenry alike, yet charmingly and lovably withal. And the added complication of an impulsive American artist who attempts to remould her sorry scheme of things, with a most surprising result.

GRABBING AGAIN

(Continued from page 1.)

ty. The three who combined to eject a fourth who happened to be governor are best defined as belonging to the doubtful category. They jibbed because the governor withheld revenues from them. Such coups as the one they carried out have lost much of their significance except that of a resulting change in personnel.

[Note: It is well to remember that on a previous occasion a pretender to the Tschunship of Hunan, Tang Seng-chi, brought about the biggest war in China (the Nationalist Northern Expedition) and that the trouble started through the then governor being ousted.]

Events in the east of Shantung are on different planes. Adventurers are back at their old game of extortion as long as they can stay. I will not go so far as to support the Shanghai Chinese Press accusation of Japanese complicity; but I do think that Chang Tsung-chang does have the blessing of some Japanese interests.

Missionary's Views
Knowing that the ground is clear, that the Nationalist garrison is small and beset by rebels and bandits, Chang Tsung-chang has flitted back to the province which he formerly squeezed so thoroughly. How long he can last is problematical. But his venture has no bearing on this week's reports on the Nationalist situation generally.

The "Sunday Times" quotes a veteran missionary who writes:—
"Never in my forty years in China have I seen the Chinese people so oppressed, so utterly disheartened as they are to-day. The Nanking Government cannot last long. The leaders are hoarding up their millions against the day when the crash comes. And come it surely will, for the people are fast becoming disillusioned."
In becoming disillusioned, the Chinese have taken new views. The masses, although unable to restrain war-lords (Nationalist or not) have reached the stage when they cannot support another grand civil war. The major factions have divided, what they have won and have tacitly agreed to cease fighting, because there is not much more in spoils to fight for.

H.K. VOLUNTEERS

ANNUAL INSPECTION PARADE LAST NIGHT

SMART TURN OUT

The annual inspection parade of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, which was held on the Murray Parade ground yesterday afternoon, and watched by a large and cosmopolitan gathering, proved to be a smart and creditable turnout for all the units concerned.

The inspection was held by the retiring General Officer Commanding, South China Command, (H. E. Major-General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G.), who is due to sail home on H. M. troopship "Dorsetshire" on March 8.

An opportunity was taken in the course of the parade to decorate Sergt. Major Green and Sergt. Jack with the Long Service Medal, the ceremony being performed by the General.

The Volunteers marched to the Parade Ground from Headquarters headed by their own band, composed of Portuguese members of the Corps. They lined up facing the stands with the Scottish Section and Colours in the centre.

The General Salute
On arrival, Major-General Luard, who was accompanied by Lieut. R. Q. F. Johnston, A.D.C., was received with the General Salute. After inspecting the parade, H. E. decorated the two N. C. O.'s, and then the men marched past, the General who was accompanied by other officers taking the salute.

Following the march past, the Volunteers formed three sides of a square from the centre of which Major-General Luard addressed them. After commenting on the first appearance of the band, and expressing appreciation of the efforts of Lieut. Col. L. G. Bird, the Commandant, who had been ably supported by Major R. A. Wolfe Murray, Adjutant, the speaker went on to deal with changes that had taken place in the Corps, and said that all changes were related to the military war needs of the Colony. In the event of such a calamity as war occurring, the Volunteers would be asked to fight under their own commanders, being given definite responsible roles alongside regular troops in defence of the Colony.

Commanders of all units were to be congratulated on the keenness and energy displayed, and the Volunteers were worthy to carry proudly the Colours so kindly presented by the ladies of the Colony, which were then on view for the first inspection parade.

Referring to numbers, His Excellency pointed out that there were not sufficient members and the recent decline in British members was to be deplored. The best recruits were the Volunteers themselves, and the speaker appealed for help by practical steps and suggestions.

With regard to the administrative side, Major General Luard continued that the establishments of the units and the means of bringing them up to a condition suitable to take the field, should be adequate and complete. In this connection they could be sure of obtaining the sympathetic help of the Command Headquarters Staff.

The New General
Referring to his successor, H. E. Major-General J. W. Sandilands, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Major-General Luard said that the latter had commanded a Territorial regiment not many years ago, so they could rely upon it that he would fully realise the difficulties of Volunteer work. He would not doubt give every assistance to maintain and increase the efficiency of the H. K. V. D. C.

With regard to developments in the future, H. E. asked the Volunteers to expand the present A. S. C. Cadres to enable it, by drawing on the civil resources of the Colony, to assume responsibility for the supply by mechanical transport of the daily wants of regular and Volunteer units, such as food, ammunition, and stores.

Concluding, His Excellency said that he left Hong Kong and its Volunteer Defence Corps with great regret, and he wished them all the very best of luck. The parade then reformed and marched back to Headquarters, headed by the band.

MARINE CASES

At the Marine Court yesterday, the Hon. Commander G. F. Hole, R.N., (retired), imposed a fine of \$45 on the coxswain of the steam launch "Fai Hung" for carrying nine passengers in excess of the number allowed by his licence which permitted a maximum of 51.

The alternative for the fine was six weeks' hard labour. The mistress of a cargo boat was fined \$15, or two weeks' jail for committing a breach of her licence by carrying 20 passengers.

A fine of \$10 or ten days' imprisonment was imposed on the master of a passenger boat for making fast to the motor vessel "Australien."

Six mistresses of cargo boats were ordered to pay fines of \$10 each, or ten days' hard labour, for making fast to the s.s. "Hong Hoi" whilst the ship was under way.

THE HUNAN COUP

FIGHTING NEAR CHANGSHA REPORTED

FOREIGNERS STILL SAFE

Changsha, Thursday.
Fighting is reported to have broken out between Nationalist factions in the neighbourhood of Changsha.

All trains on the Hankow-Changsha Railway have been commandeered for troops during the last two days, ostensibly for the suppression of bandits, but the troops have attacked and driven out General Lu Ti-ping (chairman of the Hunan Provincial Government).

Adherents of the Kwangsi military party are now reported to be in control of Changsha (the capital of Hunan).

So far there has been no interference with foreigners. — British Naval Wireless.

[Note: The foregoing report uses the word attacked. Reuter said yesterday that there was no actual fighting but, rather, a coup which resulted in the Governor fleeing.]

Hankow's Blessing

Hankow, Yesterday.
The ousting of Lu Ti-ping (from the provincial governorship of Hunan) and his replacement by General Ho Chien has been accomplished with the approval and connivance of the Kwangsi leaders at Wuhan.

Lengthy telegrams have been despatched from here to General Li Tsung-jen (of the Kwangsi party) and Marshal Chiang Kai-shek (President of the State Council) giving the reasons for Lu Ti-ping's dismissal, the chief being his appropriation of provincial finances, neglect of suppression of Com-

WEATHER FIGURES

OBSERVATORY RETURNS FOR JANUARY

WARMER THAN USUAL

Although only 164 hours of sunshine were recorded at the Royal Observatory in January, and there were six days in which there was no sunshine, the total rainfall was only .93 inch against an average of 1.315 inches. The Colony's rainfall statistics for last month follow:—

	No. of Days	Inches
Observatory (Kowloon)	8	.93
Botanical Gardens (Hong Kong)	5	1.30
Matilda Hospital (Mount Kellett)	7	.00
Police Station (Taipei)	5	1.48

Temperatures

The mean temperatures for the month, with the "normal" stated in brackets were:— maximum 66.9 (64.5), mean 62.5 (59.9), minimum 59.4 (55.3), so that it will be seen that January was warmer than usual. The highest temperature was 74.4 on the 14th and 15th, and the lowest 52.2 on the 4th.

The lowest reading of the barometer at measure level was 29.377 inches from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. on the 30th.

The maximum gust velocity, as recorded by the Dines-Baxendell anemograph, was at the rate of 47 miles per hour at 9.52 p.m. on the 15th.

munists and bandits, imposition of exorbitant taxes and general mismanagement of provincial affairs.— Reuter.

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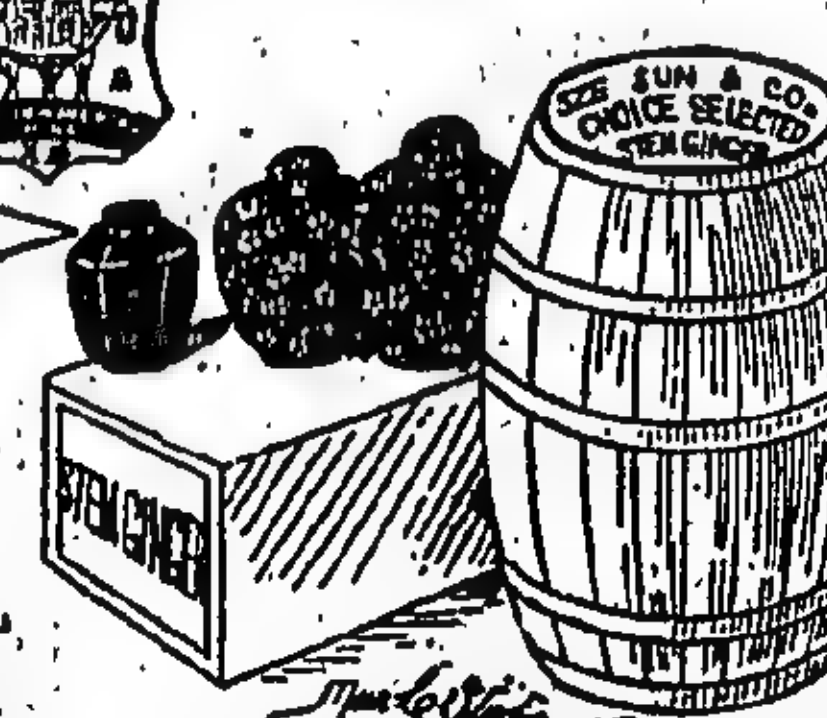
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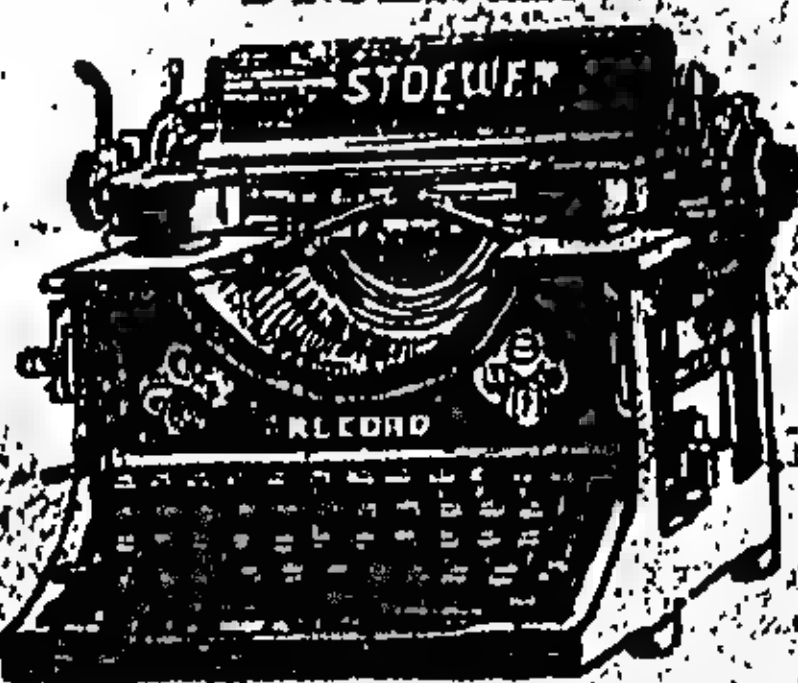


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Opportunity was also taken to present a silver cup, given by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals for competition amongst the Girl Guides, for the best essay on a given subject.

Addressing the gathering prior to the presentations, Mrs. Southern said:—

This is a very thrilling occasion both for you and for me, for you are receiving the Prince of Wales' Banner again into your keeping and I am presenting it for the first time owing to the absence of your President, Lady Clementi. I am sure Lady Clementi will regret that she could not be here to-day as much as we regret her absence.

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3rd	Hong Kong	1928.
2nd	Kowloon	1929.

so during these six years it has been held three times by 2nd Kowloon, in fact Kowloon has only lost it once which was to the 3rd Hong Kong last year. I recommend Hong Kong to look to its laurels and make a strenuous effort to carry the banner across the Harbour next year.

Creditable Averages

However, greatly though I applaud the success of 2nd Kowloon I do not think the other Companies should be discouraged. The averages were very creditable indeed and it should be an encouragement to the unsuccessful companies that the successful company this year was low down on last year's list. It shows that the company has profited by experience and Mrs. Remington's useful reports should be a great help and guide to all companies for next year's competition. I cannot say too much in praise of Mrs. Remington's valuable work in connection with the Banner competition. She throws herself into this work with her customary enthusiasm and I feel sure if she had her way every company would get a banner for they are all so dear to her heart. Our gratitude is due to Mrs. Minnett and Miss Clark for their great help in examining.

The Brownies

Before I come to the actual presentation of the Banner there are one or two things I wish to mention. I see in the hall a number of Brownies some of whom seem to me to be nearing an 'out size' in the Brownie world. I hope they are also prepared to be Guides and to carry on the tradition of 2nd Kowloon. There is a tendency for Brownies to love their Pack so much that they feel they would like to be once a Brownie always a Brownie. But it is not the true Guide spirit. Brownies cannot be Peter Pans. They must grow up in order to feed the Guide Companies which in turn feed the Ranger Companies. Only in this way can we keep the Movement vigorous and ever growing.

Lady Stuart Taylor Honoured
I have some good news to give you not directly connected with the Brownies—I have just received from home the following letter from Miss Montgomery, General Secretary of the Girl Guide Association:

"Dear Mrs. Southern,
I am glad to tell you that the Executive Committee decided on Tuesday to award the Medal of Merit to Lady Stuart Taylor. The Award will have to be made here in this country, but she will be told that this has been given at the request of the Hong Kong Guide Association.

I am hoping that eventually Lady Stuart Taylor will be able to help us with the Guiding over here. I know she wants to settle first in her own home before she undertakes any work.

I hope all is going well with you. My New Year Wishes are somewhat belated, but I hope you will accept them. Yours very sincerely,

(Sd.) Muriel Montgomery,
General Secretary.

Delightful Coincidence
To-day is a great day in the whole Guide world. We could not have chosen a more suitable one for the presentation of the Banner. It is the Joint Birthday of the Chief Scout and the Chief Guide and we together with the Scouts have sent them a telegram of good wishes. It is a very delightful coincidence that these two wonderful people should celebrate their birthday on the same day. We hope with all our hearts that they may both rule over the Scout and Guide destinies for many years. It was my privilege to spend some hours once again under their delightful roof at Fox Hill last year and I can assure you that the true Scout and Guide Spirit dwells in their home—made doubly attractive by a sense of humour which pervades all their doings from sunrise to sunset.

Three Trophies Won

But time presses and I must not keep you any longer. Before I hand the Banner actually to the company I wish to congratulate the Diocesan Girls' School on having won three Guide trophies this year—the Brownies totem, the R.S.P.C.A. Cup, and the Prince of Wales' Banner. The Banner success is in no small measure due to Miss Jean Ho Tung the keen capable Captain, who is a real support and pillar of the Guide movement.

We congratulate Miss Ho Tung on her approaching marriage, and her fiancé, himself a Scoutmaster, on his wise choice—and we congratulate ourselves that she has promised to carry on the company after her marriage. We cannot spare her. It is an interesting fact that Miss Gittins the capable Lieutenant of 2nd Kowloon will be the Captain's sister-in-law. I leave you to work out this rather complicated sentence!

Kowloon Successes

These signal successes of 2nd Kowloon would not have been possible were it not for the untiring support and encouragement of Miss Sawyer and her Staff. Miss Sawyer has assisted in every possible way, and we thank her most heartily.

And now let me give the Banner into your safe keeping for this year. The motto of the Prince of Wales adopted long centuries ago on the field of battle is "Ich Dien"—"I serve." The aim of the Guides should be to carry into every-day life the spirit of service—service in the home—service in the outside world. We are proud of you 2nd Kowloon for we know you receive the Banner gladly as a sign that you have done your best—but humbly conscious that you have much to learn. My good wishes to you, 2nd Kowloon—my thanks for your good work in the past—my hopes for good fortune in the future.

Mrs. Southern then presented the Prince of Wales' Banner to the Company, later handing a silver cup presented by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals to Miss P. Anderson, who wrote the essay on a given subject on behalf of the company. Another cup, presented by the troop for the best patrol during the past year, was handed to the leader of the Holly Patrol.

Three hearty cheers for Mrs. Southern concluded the proceedings.

Asst. Commissioner's Report The report of the Assistant Colony Commissioner on the Prince of Wales' Banner Competition for 1929 is as follows:

The Competition this year was held on February 6 for the Hong Kong Companies, and February 8 for the Kowloon Companies. The subjects set included:

Inspection of Companies.
Inspection of Company Books.
Drills.
Test on Ambulance, Cooking, and General Knowledge.

Original Games.
Dr. Minnett tested for the Ambulance and Miss Clarke took the freighting and cooking. The rest of the Competition was taken by the Assistant Colony Commissioner. Two of the Companies who were near the bottom of the list last year showed remarkable improvement, in fact one of them—the 2nd Kowloon Company—gained the much prized Banner.

All Companies showed great interest and competed very keenly and there was very little difference in the marks in most cases. English Captains of Chinese Companies are of course handicapped because of the language but they must not be disheartened at not being first. It was really a special effort on the part of one of the oldest Companies in the Colony not to be beaten by a new one, that gave the winners the first place.

Miss Kotewall, acting head mistress of St. Paul's, very kindly lent the school for the examination of the Hong Kong Companies, and Miss Sawyer lent the Diocesan School grounds for the Competitions in Kowloon.

The general "turn out" of all Companies was excellent and very few marks were lost over the inspection and drills. Some Companies took the Competition rather too seriously perhaps and forgot that Guiding is a game and not hard training! The Captains and Lieutenants showed a most sporting spirit throughout and are to be congratulated on the excellent result of the hard work and time they have expended on their Companies since last year's Competition.

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Cheer O — The phrase expresses much to folk at Home, but more to the lads in blue and the lads in khaki stationed out here. All that has been done for the sailors and soldiers has been only possible at the Naval and Military Y.M.C.A. through the valued assistance of the ladies. This week's "Overland China Mail" — the only illustrated weekly summary of "local" and "China" news — throws considerable light on how the ladies have "done their bit" since the Shanghai Defence Force first landed in the Colony.

The Criminal Sessions have witnessed the trial of Pte. Boyle, of the K.O.S.B. who pleaded guilty to wounding a sergeant on the voyage to Colombo. Sentence was deferred.

There has been a chapter of mishaps to shipping, including an attack by bandits, on the Yangtze and the West River, details of which cannot but interest the folk at Home.

Several Company meetings are reported, disclosing the better commercial position of the Colony during the past twelve months, with prospects of better things to come — good news for those with relatives at Home.

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Sport Columns

EVE OF RACE WEEK EXCELLENT PROSPECTS FOR MONDAY

HOW AND WHEN TO GO DOWN

Most notable among the innovations of the Hong Kong Jockey Club for the annual four days' race meeting at Happy Valley, which begins on Monday (and continues on Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday—and there is no such thing as the "off day" now), is the new pari-mutuel arrangement, which ensures comfort and convenience for punters.

Chances are very open in all events although favourites have been freely tipped for the Derby and Champions. The number of ponies in training is encouraging and the course is in fine condition in spite of the drought.

On race days the "China Mail" will print special editions which will be clearly indicated on the posters. A final edition will appear each evening with the full racing results and this will be delivered to all subscribers promptly.

Although conservative to a degree, the Stewards have made a number of changes in the race book (published by Messrs. Noronha's). Some of these have come gradually but the whole now approximates somewhat to Shanghai's publication. I feel that the reforms will be welcomed by punters. I cannot say the same myself because the new style is not so amenable to treatment for newspaper work; but Pressmen were always a minority. I suggest, however, that the Jockey Club go the whole hog. At the very end of the book is a "list of ponies and stables." See the ponies in alphabetical order, but not the other list according to ownership—a necessary factor especially to those who write and give tips.

Designations whether a pony has faced the starter before, is a griffin or a subscription griffin might also be helpful.

The time against the first race each day (12 noon) is set down in the index; but why not a fixed time for the fifth race as well—the first after the tiffin interval each day?

A very pleasing feature of the sport is the return to active ownership of "Mr. John Peel." The previous Jardine taipan, Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, was not keen on sport although Mrs. Bernard had a few ponies. Mr. B. D. F. Beith, however, is an enthusiast and all followers of the turf wish him good luck.

One thing noticeable is the fewer "big stables" among the Europeans. There used to be a fair number with formidable lists of entries; but these are now confined to Dynasty, Eve, L. Dunbar, Dyer and Beith, Hynes and Mackie—in no particular order.

The deficiency is made up by Chinese owners, most prominent of whom are Mr. Ho Kom-tong, O.B.E. and Mr. Chan Tin-sion, the latter with several associated interests.

The number of new Chinese owners is particularly encouraging. Macno is strongly represented and the various Jardine owners other than "John Peel" are still to the fore.

This year there are more lady owners than ever. Among the ladies are Mrs. Dyer, Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Priestley, Mrs. K. E. Beith, Mrs. Hashim, Mrs. Dunbar (who won the Derby last year with Sittling Bull), Mrs. Charles, and Mrs. W. T. Southorn (who has registered her colours for the first time with the Jockey Club).

The first saddling bell each day is at 11.30 a.m. and the first race at 12 noon. The next three events follow at intervals of about half an hour each and then comes the tiffin interval, from about 1.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. Then there are seven more races.

To avoid a long wait after arrival, it will be advisable not to leave town between, say, 1.20 p.m. and 2.00 p.m. Go earlier by all means, or later.

Approximate times of the outstanding events are as follows:—
Monday: Maiden Stakes 12.30 p.m., Valley Stakes 11.30 p.m., Trial Plate 2.30 p.m., followed by the Governor's Cup.

Tuesday: The Derby 1.00 p.m., Wednesday: Ladies Purse 1.00 p.m., presentation of Governor's Cup and Ladies Purse 1.30 p.m., Saturday: United Services Cup 4.30 p.m.

The following traffic regulations will be in force on all four days:—
I.—All vehicles going to the races at Wong-nel-chong will proceed via Arsenal-street, new 75 feet Reclamation-road, Percival-street, Leighton Hill-road and round the Happy Valley via Wong-nel-chong-road to the entrance gates.

Vehicles will return to town via Morrison Gap-road and Queen's-road East. These arrangements will be in force between 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

II.—Passengers will alight from and board tram-cars at:—(1) the main public entrance gate and (2) the members' entrance gate only.

III.—Trucks and persons carrying large burdens will not be permitted west of Percival-street or east of Murray-road between the hours of 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

IV.—Pedestrians must walk on the footpaths, and not on roadway.

V.—Vehicles must proceed at a slow speed in the vicinity of the race course.

VI.—Vehicles will be parked in the vicinity of the race course as directed by the Police on duty.

VII.—Dogs are not allowed on or near the race course. Any dog found straying is liable to be destroyed (Ordinance 1 of 1915, section 16 sub-section 3).

Note.—There will be one way traffic only in Queen's-road East from the Monument to Arsenal-street from 11 a.m. to 6.30 p.m.

The one way traffic will run from east to west.

Kennedy-road will be open to west bound traffic only from 11 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. Vehicles proceeding up Stubbs-road proceed via Arsenal-street, Praya East, Wanchai-road, Morrison Hill-road and Morrison Gap-road.

GOLF

CIVILIANS SERVICES AT FANLING

The following are the scores of a match played over the Old Course at Fanling between the Civilian and the United Services members of the Ladies Section:

Civilians	United Services
Mrs. Tottenham 0	Mrs. Sheffield (8 & 6)
Mrs. Rawley (4 & 3)	Mrs. Donald 0
Mrs. Gilmore 0	Mrs. Pilleau 3 & 2
Mrs. Robertson 0	Miss Wright (3 & 2)
Mrs. Whyte Smith (4 & 7)	Lady Marcia 0
Mrs. Sommerfeldt 0	Mrs. Illingworth 0
Mrs. Piercy (8 & 7)	Mrs. Sanders 0
Mrs. Davison (2 & 1)	Mrs. Pearce 0
Mrs. Lissaman 0	Mrs. Lucas (1 up)
Mrs. Stewart (8 & 6)	Mrs. Garland 0
Mrs. Sherry (9 & 7)	Mrs. Beamish 0
Totals	7

STARTING TIMES AT FANLING

The Royal Hong Kong Golf Club notifies the following starting times for to-morrow:

9.28 a.m.	N. L. Smith, F. A. Perry.
9.32	B. J. Lacon, E. Abraham.
9.36	C. W. Jeffries, A. D. Coppin.
9.40	A. G. Coppin, S. H. Dutton.
9.44	A. Webster, D. M. Goodall.
9.48	Lieut. Comdr. Brown, E. D. Matthews.
9.52	J. Coulthart, W. Fleming.
9.56	J. S. Dykes, A. R. Cox.
10.00	E. P. Fletcher, W. A. Weight.
10.04	A. B. Stewart, I. H. Gear.
10.08	E. C. Frederick, F. Syme Thomson.
10.12	H. R. Sturt, G. E. Mitchell.
10.16	C. L. Sandes, T. G. Bennett.
10.20	C. E. Holmes, A. H. Ferguson.
10.24	F. A. Merry, G. E. Smith.
10.28	W. B. Cornaby, A. Pierce.
10.32	A. O. Brawn, N. K. Littlejohn.
10.36	A. D. Humphreys, G. W. Sewell.
10.40	D. J. Gilmore, T. S. Whyte Smith.
10.44	D. G. Bruce, J. Cameron.
10.48	T. L. Christie, H. Mills.
10.52	A. B. Purves, A. E. Lissaman.
10.56	E. D. Black, J. Raikes.
11.00	R. K. Hepburn, J. K. Shaw.
11.04	W. Beveridge, F. H. Swayne.
11.08	N. H. Procter, G. E. B. Tytler.
11.12	W. L. Dunbar, J. S. MacLaren.
11.16	E. Newhouse, L. C. P. Rees.
11.20	G. B. S. Thomson, C. J. Waddell.
11.24	D. S. Edward, W. J. S. Key.
11.28	F. A. Redmond, E. des Voaux.
11.32	C. I. Cooke, P. S. Cassidy.
11.36	E. Kern, T. M. Goodeno.
11.40	S. J. H. Fox, F. M. Walker.

BOXING INTER-REGIMENTAL BOUTS CONTINUED LAST NIGHT'S RESULTS

At Whitfield Barracks last night, the second round took place of the annual boxing competitions organised by the South China Command for Unit and Individual Championships. Up to the present the Beds. and Herts. and the K.O.S.B. are level with 15 points each, the Somerset Light Infantry having secured 10 points.

The evening's results were as follows:—

Welterweights
Pte. Palmer (Beds. and Herts.) beat Pte. Woods (Beds. and Herts.) on points.

Pte. Boyer (K.O.S.B.) beat Pte. Jones (Queen's Royal Regiment) on points.

Pte. Gillies (K.O.S.B.) beat Pte. Heggerty (K.O.S.B.) on points.

L/C Frost (Queen's Royal Regiment) beat Pte. Battle (Beds. and Herts.) on points.

Featherweights
Pte. Hume (K.O.S.B.) beat Pte. Loudon (Queen's Royal Regiment) on a knock-out in the first round.

Pte. Palmer (Somerset Light Infantry) beat L/C Palmer (K.O.S.B.) on a knock-out in the first round.

Lightweights
L/C Gordon (K.O.S.B.) beat Pte. Guest (Somerset Light Infantry) on a knock-out in the second round.

Pte. Wood (Beds. and Herts.) beat Col. Webb (Queen's Royal Regiment) on a knock-out in the last round.

Light Heavyweights
L/C Allen (Beds. and Herts.) beat Gunner Col. (R.A.) on points.

Cpl. Gaine (Somerset Light Infantry) beat Piper Smith (K.O.S.B.) on points.

LAWN TENNIS

RESULTS IN THE H.K.C.C. TOURNAMENT

In the annual Hong Kong C.C. tennis championships, yesterday afternoon, T. Honda, the singles holder, made his debut in the Open Singles against E. D. Lawrence and had little difficulty in qualifying to meet Barrow in the second round.

M. W. Lo accounted for I. M. A. Razack, winning in straight sets. It took four sets to decide which of Wong Hing and Chan So would enter the next round, the latter qualifying after a hard fight in the third set.

The Rumjahn cousins had matters practically their own way in their game with Pay. Com. Payne and Pay. Lieut. Com. Herbert whom the holders beat in three sets, giving away six games.

Full Results
Open Singles.—T. Honda beat E. D. Lawrence 6-3, 3-0, 7-5; M. W. Lo beat I. M. A. Razack 6-3, 6-2, 6-2; Chan So beat Wong Hing 6-1, 1-6, 8-6, 6-3.

Open Doubles.—S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn beat Pay. Com. A. H. Payne and Pay. Lieut. Com. Herbert 6-2, 6-1, 6-3.

Club Championship.—G. W. Sewell beat C. E. Holmes 6-1, 6-2.
Handicap Singles "A."—H. J. Armstrong (owe 1/6) beat Rev. H. V. Koop (Scr.) 6-0, 6-0; W. L. Dunbar (Scr.) beat N. L. H. Railton (Scr.) 1-6, 6-4, 6-3.

BILLIARDS

WARDERS' MESS MEET H.M.S. 'KENT'S' P.O.'S

In the Warders' Mess on Thursday, a team from the C. & P. O.'s Social Club, H.M.S. "Kent," opposed the Prison Department at billiards, the scores being:—

Warders	Prison Dept.
Mr. Phe	150
Mr. Gooding	150
Mr. Lacey	150
Mr. Johnston	100
Mr. Gowland	100
Mr. Brimblecombe	100
Totals	750

H.M.S. "Kent"	C.P.O.
C.P.O. Ellison	128
C.P.O. Bloodwood	99
C.P.O. Lowe	40
C.P.O. Ackhurst	59
C.P.O. Woods	70
C.P.O. Fryer	37
Totals	433

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SESSIONS END SENTENCES PASSED IN THREE CASES BOYLE GETS FIVE YEARS

Sentences were passed by His Honour the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice Wood) yesterday in three cases, thus bringing the February Criminal Sessions to a close.

Private James Boyle of the 2nd Batt. King's Own Scottish Borderers, who pleaded guilty to wounding Sergeant Kerr of the same battalion, with intent to do grievous bodily harm, on H.M.'s troopship "Somersetshire" on the night of Oct. 19-20, 1928, was sentenced to five years' hard labour. His Lordship said:—

"You have pleaded guilty to the offence of wounding Sergeant Kerr with intent to do him grievous bodily harm. It is not necessary that I should explain to you the gravity of this offence. What you did was to attack a sleeping man with a knife and you inflicted such a wound on him that very nearly brought him to his death. It is enough for me to say this. That if the man had died and if you had stood here convicted on the capital charges I see no ground upon which any Court could have recommended you to mercy."

Robbers Sentenced

Chan Hon and Lau Cheung were each sentenced to seven years' hard labour for robbery and child stealing at a Shatin shed at midnight on Dec. 9. His Lordship said:—"If by any information you give the other child is recovered, I shall be prepared to recommend to H.E. the Governor a remission of a portion of your sentence."

Chak Tam-ching, who was convicted for robbery in a Kowloon timber yard, was sentenced to three years' hard labour.

SAVOY SUPPER

U.S. JOURNALISTS AND THE PRINCE

London, Yesterday.
The Prince of Wales was the guest last night of the Association of American Correspondents in London at a midnight supper and entertainment at the Savoy Hotel. In addition to American and other newspaper correspondents present, the guests invited to meet the Prince included the Prime Minister and the French Ambassador, M. de Fleureau.—British Wireless Service.

WATER SUPPLY

Level and Storage of water in Reservoir on February 1, 1929:—

CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS.

	1928	1929
Tytam	12,125.8	15,579.8
Tytam Byewash	23,076.8	23,076.8
Tytam Intermediate	2,373.8	2,373.8
Tytam Tuk	34,076.8	61,107.8
Wong Nei Chung	18,373.8	28,373.8
Pokfulum	22,273.8	28,373.8
(Note: B. denotes "Below Overflow," A. denotes "Above Overflow," L. denotes "Level with Overflow.")		
Storage in millions and Decimals of gallons.		
Tytam	1,227.84	803.89
Tytam Byewash	239.32	239.32
Tytam Intermediate	183.46	183.46
Tytam Tuk	722.00	334.84
Wong Nei Chung	112.0	4.79
Pokfulum	20.40	14.70

Total 1,227.84 803.89

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of January.

	1928	1929
Consumption	239.09	187.48
Estimated population	418,800	429,120
Consumption per head per day	18.4	14.0

Full Supply in all Elder Main Districts from 1st to 2nd January, excepting the districts West of Eastern Street an Intermittent Supply was given 1st-2nd January, 1929.

Intermittent supply in all Elder Main Districts from 3rd to 31st January excepting 3 days 21st-23rd. Full supply was operated on 2 days of Chinese New Year.

Services to houses in the Elder Main Districts were disconnected and a supply was given by public street fountains only during January, 1929.

KOWLOON WATER WORKS

LEVEL

	1928	1929
Kowloon Reservoir	7' 8" B	14' 10" B
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir	1' 10" B	4' 0" B
Reception Reservoir	2' 2" B	3' 7" B
(Storage of millions and decimals of gallons.)		
Kowloon Reservoir	281.19	215.92
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir	93.36	100.30
Reception Reservoir	27.45	23.95
Total	402.00	340.17
Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of January.		
Consumption	182.63	105.82
Estimated population	182,600	168,640
Consumption per head per day	17.4	20.2

Full Supply in all districts during January 1929 and 1929.

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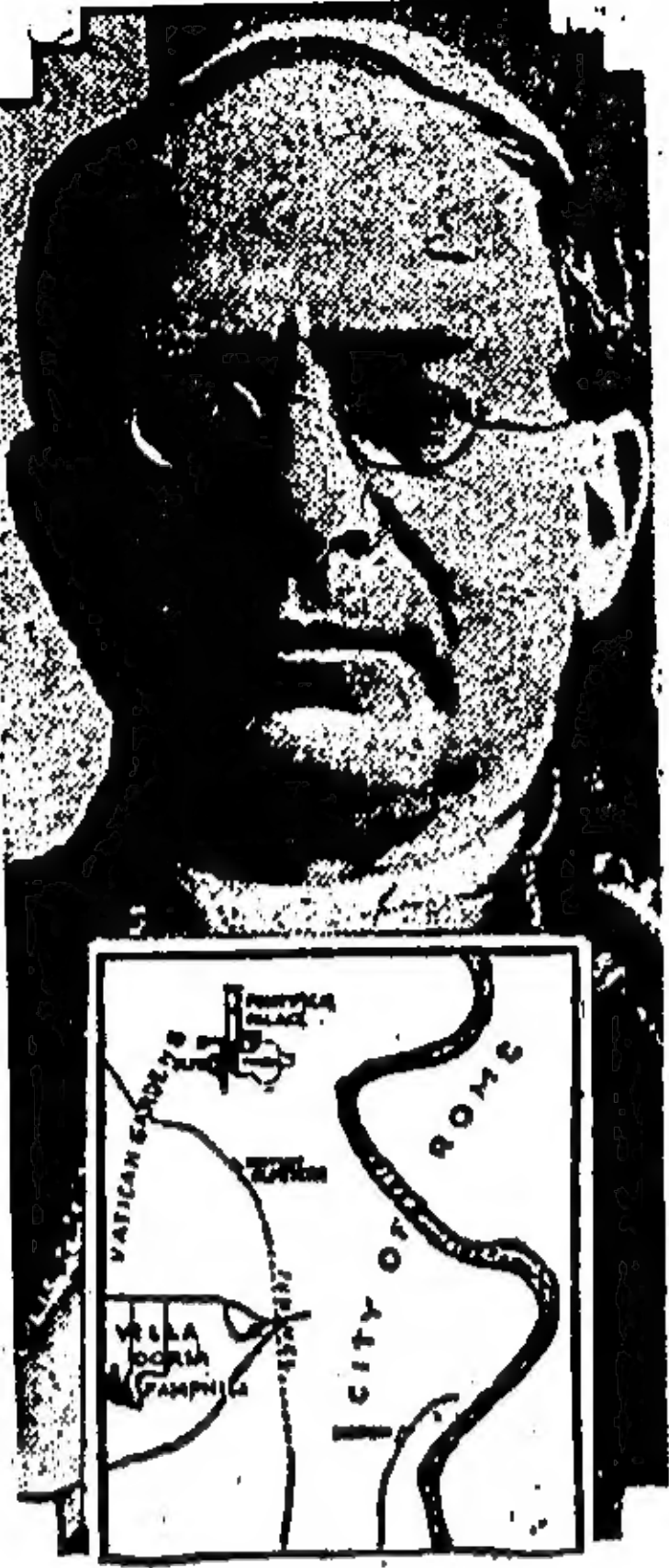
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Wins Concessions



Italy has offered His Holiness, Pope Pius XI, an extension of territory lying South-west of the Vatican gardens, including the villas of Bameleck and Durin-Palaphili, together with indemnity of roughly \$52,631,600. The map shows the general outline of the present grounds and the adjoining territory to be added.

Salvation Army Wrangle



Catherine Booth and Commissioner Hubert Kitchen, in front, and Commissioner J. R. Laurie, in the rear, snapped as they left the meeting of Salvation Army leaders at Sudbury-on-Thames, during the sessions of the High Council, called to choose a successor to General Bramwell Booth.

Slain in Home



Dr. Ransom H. Sartwell (above), superintendent of the State Hospital for Mental Diseases at Howard, R.I., who was riddled by birdshot while seated in a reading chair in the library of his home. Later Frank E. Weeden (below), confessed to Cranston, R.I., officers that he fired the fatal shot.

New Agricultural Building



Secretary of Agriculture W. M. Jardine photographed as he handled the trowel in laying the cornerstone for the U.S. Government's new agricultural building, Washington. It is to be the largest of its kind in the world.

Garage Tragedy



Scotland Yard requests police of U.S. to help solve mystery of murder of Vivian Messiter (above), whose bullet-riddled body was found in a Southampton garage. In his room were found numerous letters in a love code, said to have been written by a woman living in New York. Messiter was 57 and the European representative of an American oil company.

After Tests Were Suspended



Captain Sloan Danenhower, of Bridgeport, Conn., who, with Simon Lake, remodelled the ancient submarine "Defender" into an underwater rescue craft, photographed on the deck of the craft inspecting damage done to steel hawser after discovery of "plot" imperiling the lives of eight men comprising the crew. Further tests have been called off pending an official investigation.

"Anything to Be Free Again!"



So declared Gilda Gray (above), movie and stage star, when she gave evidence during the trial of her divorce suit against Gil Boag, ex-king of the night clubs. The charges were unwarranted and extreme cruelty. She won her case.

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Edna Fields, pretty New York model, as she appeared on the stand testifying in her \$100,000 breach of promise suit against Dr. Max Spencer-Rhodes, whom she accuses of backing out of a marriage with her.

Trapped in Fire



The tenement house at No. 165, East One Hundred and Twenty-sixth-street, New York City, where six persons were burned to death in an early morning fire. Two were women and each clasped a charred infant in her arms. Inset, Fireman George Graw, who rescued two families at the imminent risk of his life.

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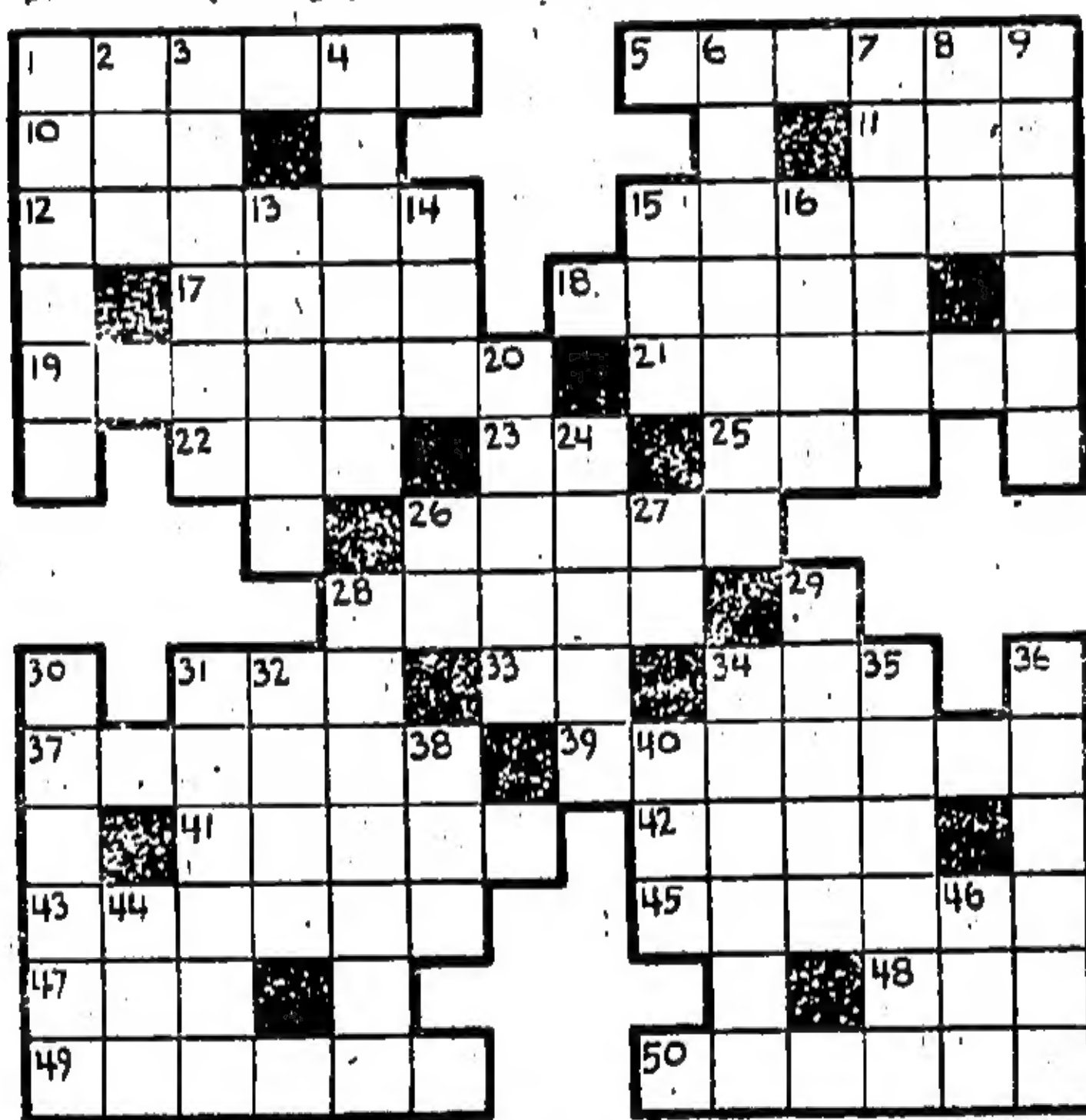
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert out our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)

**HORIZONTAL**

- 1—To spatter a liquid about
- 5—Capital of China
- 10—A vegetable
- 11—A prefix—same as "pro"
- 12—A group of nine objects
- 15—A daughter of Herodias
- 17—In
- 18—Polon
- 19—Pertaining to the Rhine, Germany
- 21—An inn
- 22—A spirituous liquor
- 23—Like
- 24—A Chinese plant
- 25—Like an old woman
- 28—Official
- 31—A Mohammedan proper name
- 33—A half an

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 34—Personal pronoun
- 37—To assist
- 39—A pain-killer
- 41—A swelling
- 42—Units
- 43—Games of action
- 45—To signify
- 47—Course of the waves
- 48—Hurried
- 49—The five faculties of sensation
- 50—A thoroughfare

VERTICAL (Cont.)

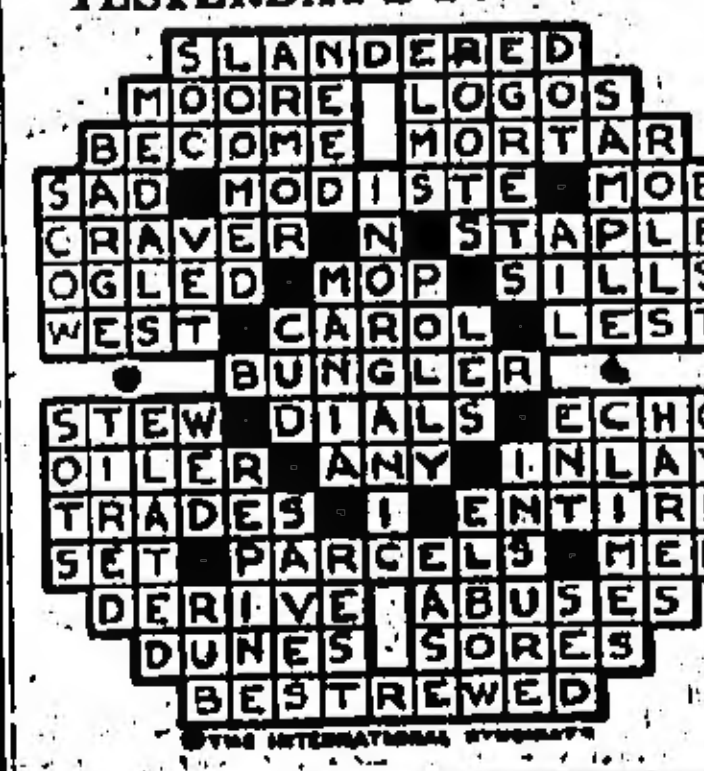
- 14—Two (Spanish)
- 15—Determined
- 16—Affection
- 20—A confederacy of commercial towns
- 24—An Italian city
- 25—A three-toed sloth
- 27—Left side (abbr.)
- 28—Widowhood
- 29—To grow wider
- 30—To vex
- 31—Orsolan
- 32—Man's name
- 33—Trustworthy
- 34—A province and city of India
- 35—To experience regret
- 36—Letter of the alphabet
- 40—Incline the head
- 44—A lake, central Ireland
- 45—Toe (Scot.)

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in Monday's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

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**VISCOUNT GREY
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"Twenty-Five Years": Viscount Grey of Fallodon (Hodder and Stoughton, The People's Library, 7/6.)

This is, in a sense, the *apologia pro vita sua* of one who was both a great statesman and a great and generous man. Apart from that it is a book of the highest intrinsic interest and importance; for the years during which the author held office are among the most critical in the history of the world. "Twenty-Five Years" does not pretend to be an exhaustive discussion of the causes and effects of the War; it was written for the 'new generation' which is dispassionately and increasingly anxious for the truth.

In the first two volumes Viscount Grey has traced almost from day to



day the actual course of European diplomacy and the changes in international sentiment and motives that led to the horror of the years 1914 to 1918. The working of British foreign policy is carefully shown, and praised rather for its 'negative' qualities, of which the most essential is that it is based on an instinct for peace and stability, and does not depend on the ceaseless supervision of one great man.

State of Ill-Will
In 1893 when Grey first went to the Foreign Office, he found a 'dangerous state of ill-will' between nations. France was ready to go to war over small incidents like that at Bangkok. Russia and Germany were eager to acquire territory in the Far East. In general the British position was one of discomfort. We relied on German support in Egypt, but 'were never sure when the price would be exacted'; at any moment we were liable to quarrel with France or Russia, and Berlin welcomed such differences. Salisbury's Government went still further in complaisance with Germany, and our relations with France and Russia grew gradually more strained, with the former over the Fashoda affair, and with the latter over the taking of Port Arthur and the Afghan frontier question.

An alliance with Germany was proposed in 1899, but the idea was not taken up at Berlin. By 1900 the German policy of a huge fleet was very clear, and Britain took two definite steps: the Anglo-Japanese Alliance, and in 1904 the Agreement with France, towards whom Balfour's government determined to adopt a policy of understanding and good-will. This grew into the Entente, in spite of German attempts to 'break it by fostering a spirit of distrust in France, especially when in crises like the Agadir Conference or the Agadir Incident Britain could not pledge to France more than diplomatic support. Germany was continuing to increase her armaments at a terrific rate, in spite of the assurance of Metternich to the world that her intentions were pacific, 'precautions, not preparations'; but, Viscount Grey says, great armaments must lead to war and 'the growth of them and the sense of fear and insecurity so caused made 1914 inevitable.'

"Place in the Sun"
Through the immediately preceding years he shows the ceaseless efforts of Germany to stir up anti-British suspicion. In Paris and St. Petersburg, and to secure that 'place in the sun' she so desired. German influence became paramount in Turkey and the Near East, when the British sacrificed their material interests in vain protests against the Turkish treatment of Macedonia and Armenia, which Germany tolerated, because 'German policy ruled out all moral purposes except national interest.' When in 1908 Austria annexed Bosnia and Herzegovina, thus 'arbitrarily altering a European treaty without the consent of the other signatories, Germany openly deprecated this, yet really supported her, as she was to do again in 1914, but this time war was averted. Russia preferred humiliation.

The Agadir Crisis in 1911 seemed another effort to break the Entente by showing France that friendship with Britain would lead France into trouble, but when Germany saw there was a real risk of war, she switched over to a policy of peace. Der Tag was not yet at hand. The last crisis was the Balkan War which, largely owing to the statesmanship of Grey, was settled by the Conference in London in 1912.

German Peril
In 1914 no progress had been made in the reduction or even in

arrest of competition of armaments, but the German peril seemed actually less imminent than it had seemed in 1905 or 1911. There was no further attempt to break the Entente, and we had met Germany over the Baghdad Railway and the Portuguese colonies, and generally relations seemed improved. Conversations had already taken place between French and British military experts and now were held between Russian and British naval authorities so that collaboration might be assured with our allies in case of sudden need but it was insisted on that these in no way pledged any of the countries concerned to go to war on behalf of another. Grey hoped that if any further difficulties arose in the Balkans they might be settled again by conference.

The Serajevo murders took place in June, followed by the Austrian ultimatum, and the submissive reply of Serbia. Grey was convinced that war must be prevented, but the German Ambassador 'was not in the full confidence of the military party which was in control at Berlin, and diplomacy became increasingly difficult. In July Grey proposed a conference, but Germany vetoed it, apparently without consulting Austria, on the grounds that it would give France and Russia more time to prepare. Nothing short of a complete diplomatic triumph would be accepted. Blow after blow shattered the last frail hopes of peace.

Germany bid for British neutrality by saying that she would 'make no territorial acquisitions at the expense of France—but would make no undertaking about French colonies! It depended on the actions of France what operations Germany might be 'forced to enter on in Belgium, but after the war Belgium's neutrality would be respected unless she had sided against Germany.' On July 31 Britain sent a request to France and Ger-

In the concluding chapters (Grey resigned in December, 1918, so his record ends on that date) the writer discusses some of the more important issues, and topics connected with his life and work. There are vivid and generous studies of his colleagues, Kitchener, Haldane, Asquith, and Lloyd George; an account of the working of the Foreign Office; and finally a thoughtful and illuminating consideration of the attitude of British foreign policy during Grey's years of office, and of the 'old' diplomacy which so freely decried as being responsible for the war.

No one who has read this book and understood the appalling difficulties faced by the British Foreign Office during the period will join uncritically in that outcry. As the writer constantly insists, British diplomacy was straightforward, and always directed to securing peace. This openness was one of its chief disadvantages, because of the incredulity of Berlin and other nations. 'No one seemed able to believe the truth,' he caustically remarks, 'it was too simple.' The conclusion of it all is that what Europe needs, is not a 'new' diplomacy, but a 'new spirit and purpose'; and above all the conviction that 'war must be ruled out as a means of settlement that entails ruin.'

Greatness of Spirit
Every statement is fully documented by extracts from actual telegrams, and dispatches. No pains have been spared in the necessary research. Facts are marshalled clearly and succinctly. There is no verbosity, no excusing, no appeal for popular sympathy, and, above all, no rhetoric in this book. There is nothing mean or malicious in its tone, even in the passages which pass adverse criticism on Government or on individuals. But there is visible a greatness of spirit and a faith to morality and ideals of honour and responsibility, not found often since the days of Burke. How proudly our national honour was upheld we and the world know. It might have been otherwise had not men like this been at the head of affairs.

Viscount Grey has given most of his life to the service of his country, and in this book is the justification of that life for all to read. His own estimate of his friend, the American, Walter Hynes Page, of whom he writes here that he had 'the highest type of patriotism which is not only love of one's country, but belief in it,' is perhaps, the truest criticism of the writer of this book.

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many that each would respect Belgian neutrality as long as no other power violated it. France gave an assurance; Germany evaded the question. Russia mobilised, a necessary precaution, since for her mobilisation was a matter of weeks, for Germany one of hours.

War Precipitated
Germany sent an ultimatum, and precipitated war, and then told Austria that as an ally she could not stay out. France could no longer remain neutral, and as the main German army advanced on her, the Cabinet was faced with the violation of Belgium, who on August 1st announced her intention of defending her right. In his great speech of August 3, (here printed as an Appendix) which still has power to move as it moved a nation that evening, Grey showed that we could no longer hold back, if we did not stand by Belgium and France against this aggression we should be 'isolated, discredited, hated.' And so came Armageddon.

Allies' Relations
The third volume deals with diplomacy during the first two years of the war, and gives a masterly analysis of the relations between the Allies themselves, and of the difficulty of securing solidarity in the council chamber and in the field, of the intricate web of politics in connection with neutral States, especially with America, for, as the author points out, the cardinal error would have been 'a breach with her. Of that error German diplomacy was guilty. A series of letters between Grey and Roosevelt forms a very interesting and pleasant interlude.

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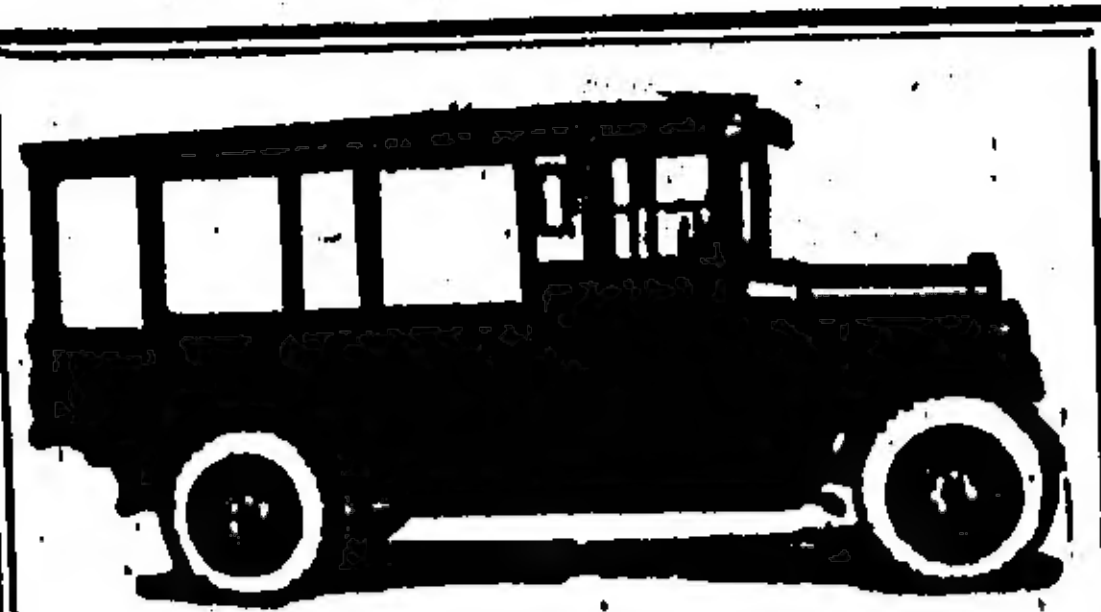
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PAYMENT IN FULL

London, Yesterday.
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